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EMBARRASSED BY EXTREMISTS

COLONIAL SECRETARY DEFENDS MINISTRY

Does Not Believe it Possible or
Desirable to Institute
Single Chamber.

London, Dec. 21.—However much the King's advisers in both parties may desire to keep his Majesty out of the present crisis, they find it almost impossible. Many members of the Labor and Socialist parties, with whom the ministerialists have been driven by political necessities into a sort of electoral alliance, go on declaiming against all forms of hereditary government, not excluding the sovereign.

Doubtless this led Lord Crewe, colonial secretary, to make his remarkable declaration at Stoke on Saturday, defending the ministry against extremists in their own party. He said:

"It was asked, if they took away all the powers the Lords possessed, which by the way, was not what the government proposed, to do, why not abolish the Lords altogether? King George the Third might have said: 'If you are limiting the prerogatives of the crown, why not abolish the monarchy?' King George, if he had had prophetic wisdom might have looked forward to the reign of his illustrious grandchild, and great-grandson, and seen what a much greater thing the British monarchy had become. The crown was now universally recognized as being perhaps the most indispensable link in the existence of Europe. He confessed that he did not believe it was either possible or desirable to institute a single chamber in this country. For one thing, it would entirely alter the character and composition of the House of Commons, and he desired to see the Commons remain as it was."

Naval Alarms.

The speech of the Earl of Cawdor at Belfast on Saturday greatly angers the minister, who declares it is greatly alarmist.

To counter the naval alarms, they are announcing immediate contracts for three Dreadnoughts, for delivery in the spring of 1912, but Garvin in the Observer, and Blatchford in the Mail, declare that Germany's enormous increase in naval expenditure, which reached £2,000,000 in 1910, of which 16½ millions are on new warships against England's 1914, also Germany's greatly accelerated shipbuilding capacity, must be met by the British battleship standard of two new keels to one for North Sea purposes. Germany, they urge, must be made to pause by England laying down twelve super-Dreadnoughts next year, with the 30 million sterling loan being raised for the purpose.

Unionist statesmen are so impressed with the gravity and urgency of the German menace that they would certainly institute a bold and large naval programme upon return to power as the only means of preserving the balance of power in Europe and preventing Germany's fresh subjection of France and German domination of all Europe.

Imperial Unity.

Speaking at Bridgeport Saturday Lord Milner said he had never been a secessionist, but the great position won by England was being menaced more and more every day. The future demanded the energy not only of the United Kingdom, but of the Empire. Imperial unity was the great issue before which all others sank into insignificance. What trace of this issue was there in the speeches of the Liberals? The Liberals were agreed on nothing except predatory taxation and hostility to the Lords.

Mr. Churchill, speaking at Warrington, laid stress on the unemployment for which palliation would be found in the Development Act, a scheme of insurance under consideration by the board of trade.

T. J. McNamara, parliamentary secretary of the local government board, speaking in London, denounced the German scare as ridiculous.

Mr. Balfour's physician forbade him to speak at the Conservative Club luncheon at Edinburgh yesterday.

Lord Charles Beresford, writing to the Unionist candidate in Mid-Derbyshire, says the two-power standard has been deserted and cannot be regained unless four other nations forming the British Empire will join with us until the security of our material supplies and raw materials is assured beyond all question.

The Elections.

It has finally been decided that the writs for the new elections will be issued January 8th, allowing for the first election on January 12th.

There will again be heavy broadsides of oratory this week. Mr. Asquith will speak at Hirkendun to-day and half a dozen ministers will be on the platform every night led by Mr. Lloyd George.

The most novel feature of the elections is the campaign of the peers. They have addressed 72 meetings and 70 more are already arranged for.

It is now possible to indicate how the parties stand and in matter of candidatures. Uncontested constituencies will be fewer in number than for a long time past. At the outside there will probably be 17, of which 15 are represented by Unionists. Triangular contests will also be few. The Chronicle estimates that they will not exceed 20. In 20 constituencies Laborists and Unionists have a straight fight.

INNER HARBOR AND NEW WHARF

G. T. P. OFFICIALS MEET ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Steamship and Railway Officials to Meet—A New Plan.

An informal discussion between the members of the Inner Harbor Association and G. A. McNicholl and Capt. Nicholson of the G.T.P. on the matter of the proposed wharves for the G.T.P. on the inner harbor, took place this morning in the committee room of the city hall, and after a general discussion during which a proposed amendment of the company's plans submitted by Thomas Sorby was inspected, Mr. McNicholl said he would forward it to the company's offices at Montreal for inspection there.

The plan as amended by Mr. Sorby, however, it is held, will not meet the approval of the C.P.R. or the Alaska Steamship Company, both of which have wharfage and docks on the harbor, nor will Mr. McNicholl make any recommendation regarding it. The amended plan takes off two corners of the plan submitted by the G.T.P., but according to some of those present would not greatly facilitate the docking of the G.T.P. boats without interfering with the rights of those companies already established there.

The Inner Harbor Association sent a letter of protest against the plans to the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa, and Mr. Sorby this morning read a reply from the deputy minister saying that the protest had been noted for consideration should an application for foreshore be received from the G.T.P. Mr. Sorby also had a letter from G. H. Barnard, M.P., saying that no title had been granted by the Marine and Fisheries Department, but that a plan had been filed and then later had been withdrawn. At the meeting, among others, were G. A. Kirk (chairman), Senator Macdonald, Capt. Clarke, T. P. Lee, J. K. Hebb, Capt. Nicholson, G. A. McNicholl, Jas. McArthur, Ald. Raymond and Bishop, Capt. Gaudin, F. W. Vincent and Thos. Sorby.

Mr. Kirk said the meeting had been called to discuss the plans of the G.T.P. wharf with Mr. McNicholl, and see what could be done. Mr. Sorby had drawn a plan which seemed to him a good one, and he would like to hear what Mr. McNicholl had to say in regard to it.

Mr. McNicholl said that the original plan was what the company required, and they proposed to dredge in to get additional facilities. Mr. Sorby says this cannot be done, but on his plan the company could not get its buildings in nor get the driveway to the wharf. With the plan the G. T. P. can dredge in and still get what it required, and have planned this for actual requirements.

Senator MacDonald: "We don't want to put any objection in the way of the G. T. P., but you are not going to spoil other people's property. We can get an injunction to stop you."

Mr. McNicholl: "Well we feel that these are the plans we want, and if we cannot get these we must abandon our plans. It is a question whether the people of Victoria want us, for we are not going to pay wharfage."

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TAXICABS MAY BE INTRODUCED HERE

Local Capital Interested in
Project to Provide New
Vehicles.

"Taxi, sir, taxi?"

This new note of the curbside will, it is said, be heard in Victoria for the first time this summer, a company being projected to operate the Capital City taxi service.

Already most of the large cities of the East as well as those of the Old Land and Europe are equipped with these vehicles, but up to date they have not penetrated to any extent to the cities of the West.

By means of the taxicab, as is well known, a passenger pays according to a sliding scale, which is regulated by the distance he traverses. An automatic meter registers the minimum fare, say of twenty-five cents, as he or she enters, and thereafter the meter automatically records the growth of the fare as the distance increases. The Old Country a shilling fare will take the traveller anywhere in a mile radius.

In the European cities they have largely supplanted the once indispensableansom cab, both because of their swiftness and also because they relieve the traveller from the extortion of which the hansom drivers were often guilty.

The capital interested in the new venture, is said to be entirely local, and the promoters hope to have the eyepiece in Victoria streets this summer.

WHEAT FOR EXPORT.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—According to the government statistics, the wheat yield in 25,500,000 bushels for the year, which exceeds last year's production by 10,000,000. This leaves over 13,500,000 bushels available for export.



LOCATING HIS QUARRY.
Huntsman Lubbe—"Ah! I thought I would get him on this runway if I waited long enough."

NEWS NOTE—Ald. Stewart predicts that the city will be buying water by the gallon from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company in 1912.

EIGHTEEN PERISH IN FIRE

BODIES OF EIGHT VICTIMS RECOVERED

Ten Others Believed to Be
Buried in Debris of Big
Store.

London, 21.—It was definitely stated to-day that eighteen persons lost their lives in the fire that destroyed the great Arding & Hobbs store in Clapham suburbs at noon yesterday.

Eight bodies have been recovered. Ten other persons are missing, and are believed to be buried in the ruins of the store.

The mass of debris is still so hot that it is feared the bodies of the missing have been incinerated.

No authoritative estimate of the financial loss caused by the fire has been made. It was stated to-day, however, that the firm recently refused an offer of \$5,000,000 for the business and good-will of the proprietors.

MAN BURIED IN MINE FOR WEEK

Found Alive After Having Been
Without Food for Seven
Days.

Marquette, Dec. 21.—Two of the four men who were entombed in Negaunee mine a week ago by a sudden rush of mud were reached last night. Frank Candello was found alive and Peter Mundi was dead. Candello was buried 600 feet down in a space only a few feet square and was without food. He had plenty of water, however, and when taken out was able to walk with one man supporting him.

KING LEOPOLD'S WILL.

Daughter of the Late Monarch Prepares to Bring Action Against Baroness Vaughn.

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Attorneys representing the Princess Louise to-day began preparation of the papers in the suit she will bring against Baroness Vaughn, over the distribution of the late King Leopold's estate as provided by the will.

Former Senator Edmund Picard, who has been retained as counsel by the baroness, declared to-day that the suit Princess Louise will bring will result only in a series of scandals.

ACCIDENTS IN CANADA.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Official returns issued by the labor department give the number of industrial accidents in Canada during November as 422, of which 143 were fatal.

There were eight trade disputes, a decrease from previous months.

G. T. P. MAY BUILD HOTEL

REPORTED COMPANY HAS EYE ON VICTORIA

Mr. Marpole, representing the C.P.R., was in the city yesterday, and while here on other business, waited on the committee of the Board of Trade to protest against the proposed construction of G.T.P. wharves in the inner harbor.

It is understood that Mr. Marpole regards the new wharves as an interference with the fairway for the entry and clearance of the ships of his company, and he intimated that he would carry the fight against their construction to Ottawa.

There is a strong disposition among the business men of the city to meet the G.T.P. half way in the matter, and the feeling is general that while present interests must be protected that every possible encouragement should be extended to this great railway corporation to acquire the important connections it is seeking in this city. The relations between Victoria and the C.P.R. are to-day of a friendly character, and there is no disposition to have a forcing equal encroachment to the great rival of the C.P.R. is evident to the business community.

It is stated on the best authority that not only do the Grand Trunk intend proceeding with the erection of wharves to take care of their northern and eastern trade, but that they will, as soon as possible proceed with the construction of an hotel to house their travellers. This they have already done at Prince Rupert, and another, and necessarily one which may fairly rival the Empress, is said to be in their plans for here.

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COOK'S CLAIM NOT VERIFIED

SCIENTISTS REPORT FINDING TO UNIVERSITY

Data Insufficient to Warrant
Verdict That He Found
North Pole.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The committee of scientists which has been investigating the data of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, to-day officially reported to the consistory of the University of Copenhagen that Cook's records and observations are wholly insufficient to warrant a verdict that he discovered the north pole.

The consistory of the university adopted the report of the committee, thereby flatly rejecting Cook's claims and throwing out the records and observations.

Cook's data, according to report, is no more convincing than was the newspaper account of his discovery of the north pole.

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VICTORIA MUST SOON BUY WATER BY GALLON

Startling Statement By Ald. Stewart—Elk Lake
Only Good For Two Years--Ratepayers
to Be Asked For \$1,500,000

"We might as well face the music, Elk Lake has not sufficient water to last us five years—the length of time which must elapse before water can be brought from Sooke Lake. We must purchase water by the gallon very shortly from the Esquimalt Waterworks Co. If we are not driven to this within two years, we certainly shall in three," Ald. Stewart at last evening's meeting of the City Council.

All unexpectedly the water question came to the fore with a bound at last evening's meeting of the City Council. On Mayor Hall asking if it was the wish of the board that a by-law respecting Sooke Lake should be put before the electors at the forthcoming elections. As a result of the discussion it was disclosed that there is not sufficient water in Elk Lake to last during the period of getting the water from Sooke, and that in the interim it will be necessary to buy water by the gallon from the Esquimalt Waterworks Co. It was decided to submit a by-law to the electors, calling for the expenditure of the sum of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of bringing water from Sooke Lake.

The matter came up by the mayor mentioning, before the regular business was taken in hand, that it ought to be settled whether it was the intention of the board to submit a by-law on Sooke at the coming elections.

Ald. Raymond wanted to know if the special committee which had been enquiring into Sooke Lake had reported. Ald. Stewart, the chairman of the committee, said all the facts which had been gathered had been laid before the council, but they could not get the council to say anything about going to Sooke. Mr. Bryson, the assistant engineer, had said that he estimated the cost of bringing water from Sooke Lake would be, approximately, \$1,500,000.

Mayor Hall—Yes: Mr. Bryson said it was impossible to bring in water without tunnelling. He figured, I think, at about a million and a half as the cost.

Ald. Ross—Why not put a by-law before the people just for a million? You could borrow the rest afterwards.

His Worship said he did not think the ratepayers would vote on a by-law which did not stipulate the whole amount.

Ald. Mable—It will only be a waste of time to place a by-law before the people; they will not vote the money. I am quite sure of that. You can buy Esquimalt water cheaper by the gallon than you can bring it from Sooke Lake.

Ald. Henderson did not agree with the view of Ald. Mable, that the citizens would turn the by-law down. He was satisfied that the citizens wanted water from Sooke Lake and were willing to pay the cost involved in the enterprise. There was pressure from certain quarters against the Sooke Lake scheme, but he felt confident that the pressure would have to be very great indeed to convince the people that the scheme was unworthy of support. He thought the most important question for the board to decide was as to whether the whole amount should be borrowed at once. Of course it was well known that a strong effort would be made to secure the city into tying up with the Esquimalt company. What the council should insist upon is to have Sooke Lake all ready to deliver water when Elk Lake was about exhausted owing to the growth in population. Of course there was a good deal of opposition to the water department of the city just now, but the people would see through it. He did not know whether the present was a good time or not to take the independent of this people on the by-law, but he felt convinced that no time should be lost. He felt that there was ample time to get water from Sooke Lake before purchasing one gallon of water from the Esquimalt people. He moved that the city solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law at once.

Ald. Fullerton seconded the resolution, and Ald. Stewart said he would support the resolution, but he did not agree that there was enough water in Elk Lake to last for five years. Elk Lake had never been so low as this year prior to the excessive rainfall. For the past five years the lake has not filled to its average capacity. The city was growing very rapidly, and it was not wise in his opinion to create the impression that there was an ample supply of water in Elk Lake to draw from. He personally was of the opinion there was only sufficient water in Elk and Beaver Lakes to last over the coming year. If members of the board would take the figures of the daily consumption and follow the records, which are available in the water commissioner's office, they would agree with him. As for there being hidden springs in Sooke Lake which were adding to the volume of water, he did not believe there was a drop of water flowing into the lake in the summer time. There were 400 new dwellings erected in Victoria last year. This meant a great increase in the number of additional water supplies. There were the additional sewer con-

nections. In his opinion, if the city was not forced to buy water by the gallon in two years it would certainly be forced to do so in three. They might as well get ready to face the music. Any person could see that he had not exaggerated the situation if they would take time to study the records. Elk Lake had never went so low as this year. Of course the exceptional rainfall of a few weeks ago had relieved the situation somewhat.

Ald. Turner favored going further and asking for a sum of \$1,700,000. This would allow of a margin of capital so that a sum would be available for doing work at Elk Lake to increase the watershed. He was opposed to buying water by the gallon, and would be prepared to do anything else to avoid that. He agreed, however, that Elk Lake would be unable to supply the city for the next five years unless the quantity of water in the lake was increased. Sooke Lake was where the city would have to go eventually.

Ald. McKeown was in favor of going to Sooke, but he thought the cost was a little more than the citizens were prepared to assume at present. However, the city was growing, and by the time Sooke was ready the money would be forthcoming.

Ald. Raymond favored the motion, but he believed that the supply at Elk Lake would be increased by getting more watershed. It only needed additional pumping to increase the supply from Elk Lake.

Ald. Stewart—It costs more to pump than it would to buy by the gallon. We paid out \$3,000 this year, and we only used the pumps a very brief period.

Ald. Mable—The people will vote down the Sooke Lake by-law. They have no confidence in the City Council. Ald. Henderson said that if Elk Lake could not supply the city for the next five years that would mean that Victoria was growing so rapidly that the people could afford to buy water by the gallon when they were forced to do so. He did not think the people had no confidence in the City Council, as was mentioned by some speakers. They had voted the sum of \$600,000 only a short time ago, and the money was asked by a board which was about to relinquish office. He was in favor of buying 600 additional acres at Elk Lake to add to the watershed. This land could be obtained for about \$5,000. The city has \$40,000 to the good from the water revenue, and he was opposed to borrowing more money.

Ald. Bishop was of the opinion that the citizens would not support the loan.

Mayor Hall, in closing the debate, said he believed that the sooner the water question was settled once and for all the better it would be for the city. The papers were constantly printing letters about an inadequate supply, and this was a bad thing for the city.

It was finally decided to instruct the solicitors to prepare the necessary by-law.

CANDIDATES FOR THE THRONE OF GREECE

Military League Favors Crown Prince Constantine's Son as George's Successor.

Athens, via the Frontier, Dec. 21.—The military league, whose grip on the government is firm enough to allow of executive commands, has decided on Crown Prince Constantine's son George for the throne of Greece. Advocates, as he is expected to do very soon.

There are also several other candidates. The politicians outside the army want the Duke of Abruzzi. Their theory is that George would be the league's puppet, and they are extremely jealous of the army's power. But the position of the politicians is weak. They lack physical strength to carry out their will.

The nephew of the late King Otto is also reported to be in Athens trying to stir up sentiment for himself. He is not regarded as formidable by the army or politicians, however.

The present King's abdication is almost certain. What is thought will drive him from the throne is the league's determination to declare war against Turkey in the spring. His Majesty thinks this would be suicidal, but the militarists believe that the powers would protect Greece against Turkish vengeance.

COOL BURGLAR.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21.—The police are searching for a man who invaded Wm. M. Wolf of this city, away from home to keep an appointment with MRS. D.H. comedian, and drive him and maid hurrying to the central emergency hospital where he said his husband was lying near death, after which he proceeded leisurely to loot the Wolf flat of silverware and jewelry.

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NAVAL MILITIA CORPS.

United States Government Makes Effort to Interest Washington in Proposal.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—Another attempt is being made by the federal government to interest the state of Washington in establishing a naval militia corps. California and Oregon, as well as most of the states bordering on the Atlantic coast, maintain such organizations. The legislature must authorize the action. At the constitu-

tion does not grant the power, past efforts in this direction have been successful. There are many young men in Washington who would be glad to take up the work.

The remains of the late Carroll L. Livingston were forwarded this morning by the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company to Duncan for interment.

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INNER HARBOR AND NEW WHARF

(Continued from page 1.)

Mr. McArthur: "How is the Alaska Steamship Company going to get in to its property?"

Mr. McNicholl: "We feel we can't work on Mr. Sorby's plan. We want room for two steamers—one on the triangular run and one on the northern run. We have to berth 315 feet steamers, and we have 408 feet frontage."

Mr. Sorby: "The G. T. P. has considered the plans without considering the harbor."

Senator McDonald: "The best you can do is to go over the other side of the bay, between the C. P. R. and Laurel Point."

Mr. McNicholl: "We are not going to buy property there now we have spent a lot of money for the property we hold."

Mr. Vincent: "The Alaska company might get in, but it could not get out again."

Capt. Clarke: "To anyone who knows anything about navigation it is readily seen that the plan will interfere with the other people already doing business there."

Senator McDonald: "You had better go ahead and revise your plans."

Mr. Kirk: "I think the property owners will meet you in any reasonable way, but if you persist in your present plans they will object."

After talking the matter over from all views it was decided that the meeting should adjourn until after a meeting to be held between the G. T. P. and Alaska Steamship officials, to see what arrangements could be made for the convenience of both, and if this meeting is satisfactory it is probable that new plans will be arranged.

LODGE COMPLAINT.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The new car merger and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have protested to the customs department against the alleged violation by the big Canadian railway companies of the tariff with respect to the importation of cars. It is alleged that cars allowed to enter Canada duty free in transit with international merchandise are not returned immediately, but are used in handling freight between Canadian points. The matter will be a subject of inquiry.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21.—5 a.m.—The western high pressure area now central over the middle west states extends from the prairie provinces southward to Tennessee. Heavy snow fell yesterday at Winnipeg and light snowfall has occurred at various scattered points, and heavy rainfall on the lower Californian coast, but the weather is chiefly fair and cold in most districts from the Pacific to the great lakes; temperatures are lower on the Pacific slope and a cold wave appears to be setting in east of the Rockies.

Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m., Wednesday:

Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, continued fair and cold; Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, continued fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Bar., 29.96; temp., 23, min.; 28, wind, north 4 miles; weather, clear. New Westminster—Bar., 30.02; temp., 22, min.; 22, wind, calm; weather, clear. Kamloops—Bar., 30.20; temp., 20, min.; 18, wind, southwest 4 miles; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Bar., 30.00; temp., 4, min.; 4, wind, calm; weather, clear. Tatooch, Wash.—Bar., 29.92; temp., 28, min.; 25, wind, east 5 miles; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Bar., 29.84; temp., 28, min.; 28, wind, northeast 4 miles; weather, clear.

Seattle—Bar., 30.00; temp., 23, min.; 23, wind, north 4 miles; weather, clear. Port Simpson—Bar., 29.96; temp., 32, min.; 22, wind, calm; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Bar., 30.14; temp., 14, min.; 14, wind, southeast 3 miles; weather, cloudy.

Winnipeg—Bar., 30.24; temp., 14, min.; 14, wind, north 15 miles; rain, .58; weather, cloudy.

RESIGNATIONS ON THE TAPIS

SOME COMPLICATIONS AT ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Dr. Robertson Will Leave Position if Matron is Not Dismissed.

Some decidedly interesting developments in respect to the situation affecting the isolation hospital, arising out of the enquiry which has been in progress, are anticipated at a further meeting of the board of health to be held on Thursday evening next. A special meeting of the board was held last night prior to the regular meeting of the council, but as reporters were not admitted no report of the proceedings is available. It is learned, however, that the board is about equally divided on the question of acceding to the request of the medical health officer, Dr. Hermann Robertson, that the matron, Mrs. King, be dismissed; and the Times has been informed that as an outcome of the enquiry it is just possible that both the position of health officer and that of matron of the hospital may be declared vacant. It will be recalled that a special meeting of the board was held on Monday evening of last week at the request of Dr. Robertson, and that the latter then asked for the dismissal of Mrs. King, who was present and made a statement. The enquiry was postponed until last evening, but no final action in the matter decided upon. Dr. Robertson's position in the matter is quite clear—he will resign if his recommendation that the matron be dismissed is not acted upon.

Some adverse criticism is directed against the council for holding the enquiry in secret, it being contended that anything affecting the management of an important institution as the isolation hospital concerns the public very closely, and that all the facts should be known. A very large amount of interest is being taken in the matter. There were a number of people interested in the case waiting around the lobby at the city hall last evening, and when the communications were being dealt with at the regular meeting of the council the city clerk was about to read a letter from T. B. Veltch regarding the isolation hospital when he was stopped by the mayor, who said it had better be referred to the board of health.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

Report That Gathering is to Be Held Here is Denied Locally.

A dispatch from Winnipeg to-day says that a conference of the premiers of the various provinces of the Dominion of Canada is to be held in this city next year.

Premier McBride when asked concerning the matter to-day said he knew nothing of it. He had not been consulted if such a move was contemplated. He therefore placed no credence in the report.

BUILDING AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Next year promises to be one of great building activity here in the manufacturing and wholesale districts. Plans are already being prepared for some big buildings. The Kilgour-Rimer company are extending their premises on Princess street by building a five-story addition on the corner of McDermott and Princess streets, costing about \$100,000. Paulin Chambers company are erecting a big office and distributing block behind their present factory.



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IMMIGRATION TO CANADA INCREASES

Number of New Arrivals for Eight Months Totals 150,256.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Immigration into Canada from the United States from April to November, inclusive, was 71,988, an increase of 68 per cent. compared with the same period last year. Immigration via ocean ports has been 78,268, an increase of six per cent. The total immigration was 150,256 compared with 116,598 for the corresponding eight months of last year, an increase of 29 per cent.

SPEND EIGHT HOURS IN BARQUE'S RIGGING

Shipwrecked Sailors Have Terrible Experience—At Sea in Open Boat.

Eleven survivors of the crew of fifteen of the Norwegian barque Alf, who were landed at Yarmouth recently, had a thrilling story of exposure and hardship to tell.

The Alf, a vessel of over 1,000 tons, laden with wood, struck on Halsborough Sands and, as she threatened to go to pieces, two boats were launched. Capt. Aberg took charge of one, and the ship's carpenter of the other.

The first and second mates were left behind owing to the rope parting and the boats not being able to again approach the wreck.

The boats rapidly drifted from the wreck, and then commenced a life and death struggle in the heavy seas that were running in the vicinity of the sands. The carpenter's boat, which contained six men, was capsized, but the sailors once more struggled to the upturned craft.

A second time the boat capsized, and three men—Able Seaman Olsen, Ordinary Seaman Broote, and Apprentice Mathias—were swept away and drowned. The other three succeeded in reaching the captain's boat, which was overweighted and was repeatedly swept by the waves.

The night was bitterly cold, the men were soaked to the skin, and the sea repeatedly swept the little boat. All night the weary sailors pulled at the oars, and when day broke they hoisted a coat on a stick to attract attention. Several steamers were sighted, but too far off to notice them, but at length, when off Cromer the Milford Haven herring boat Chanticleer, which was herring fishing, noticed the signal and steamed down on them.

The men were then half dead, and had to be assisted on board the Chanticleer. When the steward was lifted up he completely collapsed, and though everything was done by the fishermen it was found impossible to restore animation.

The Chanticleer then steamed to Yarmouth, the rescued men being supplied with hot tea, and the cabin and the forecastle being given up for their

accommodation, while big fires were made up to dry their soaked clothes. Meanwhile, in answer to the signals from the lightships, no fewer than six lifeboats had been launched—those from Gorleston, Yarmouth, Calster, Winterton, Palling, and Cromer. The Cromer lifeboat Louisa Heartwell was the first to reach the wreck. She found both the boats gone, and it was concluded that the wreck was deserted, as no response came to their shouts, but, as a matter of fact, the roar of the sea drowned the cries of the two mates. The Louisa Heartwell then drove away, searching for the missing boats as far as Palling, after which she returned to the wreck, when the two men were described hanging on to the mizzen rigging, where they had been for eight hours. They were almost exhausted when the lifeboat came up on the lee side, and they were able to drop into her. The lifeboat men revived them with brandy, covered them with coats, and, having a fair wind and tide, sailed to Yarmouth, a distance of twenty-eight miles, in four hours.

NEW YEAR CONCERT.

Metropolitan Church Choir to Hold Entertainment in Aid of Organ Fund.

On the evening of New Year's Day a grand concert is to be given by the choir of the Metropolitan Methodist church in aid of the new organ fund. The choir has decided to raise a certain amount to be devoted towards the new organ, and as a result are giving this entertainment, from which they expect to realize quite a sum. Undoubtedly the auditorium of the church will be well filled on the evening of the concert.

The choir, under the leadership of J. M. Morgan, will render a number of anthems and choruses. All the solos will be given by members of the choir. The programme, which is an elaborate one, shows signs of careful preparation and all those who attend will certainly be given a treat. Following is the programme which has been outlined.

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Chorus—"Worthy is the Lamb" Handel
Song—"Star of Bethlehem"
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Anthem—"Thou Poor be the Chamber"
The Choir.
Song—"Ring Out Wild Bells"
Mrs. Edward Parsons.
Duet—"Excelsior"
Messrs. J. O. Dunford and J. H. Griffith.
Interval.
Anthem—"Sing Forth His High Eternal Name"
The Choir.
Song—"Times Roses"
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AN ULTIMATUM FROM ADAMS

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TO CITY COUNCIL

Board Not Disturbed, How-
ever, and Insists Upon
Report.

At 10 L. Adams, the water expert, of San Francisco, late adviser to the city, is going to be asked once again to come here and make a report on the Smith's Hill reservoir at his own expense. The council thought this desire had been made clear to him in previous communications, but Mr. Adams evidently misunderstood, for in his latest letter, read last evening, he asked that the council give him full charge of the work of effecting repairs before he decided to come to Victoria. The council is determined to reserve to themselves the right of naming the man who shall be in charge of the repairs, but Mr. Adams is to be given one more chance to come here and look after his professional reputation which seems in danger of suffering an injury.

Mr. Adams' letter was as follows: Dear Mr. Mayor: Your message has been received, reading as follows: "Council last night passed the following resolution: Resolved that Mr. Arthur L. Adams be asked to come to Victoria in accordance with the terms of his letter of the 6th inst. for the purpose of prescribing a remedy for the condition of the reservoir and reporting to the council on the same. Council decline having Kempkey."

Against the wishes of the council, I will not insist upon Mr. Kempkey taking up the execution of my recommendations, although I regret the loss of his special knowledge of the details of the accomplished work, such knowledge as only one in immediate charge can have.

I must, however, insist upon being clothed with such authority as is necessary to make success as certain as possible. Nothing that I or any one else can do will take the place of intelligent, close, painstaking attention to the details of carrying out remedial measures. I am not willing to take any avoidable chances of partial failure in an effort to make the reservoir practically tight. I do not suppose that there is an alderman or any city official who himself cares to assume this responsibility at this juncture. It must therefore be understood that my recommendations will be carried out, and that they will be carried out under the immediate charge of some experienced and skillful man whom I shall designate. As to such designation, I may say that the possession of qualifications to me personally known is the one essential, and where he comes from and what his nationality does not interest me.

As to my plans and policy, I am already prepared to make certain recommendations which will make possible the starting of operations immediately on the securing of a suitable man for the local charge. When operations under recommendations shall have advanced to the proper point, I will come to Victoria, make the further examination which will then be possible, and designate such additional measures as conditions shall then dictate. This course will best expedite the completion and render possible effective inspection and effective remedy.

I presume that your own powers as water commissioner are such as to enable you to give me the assurance herein asked for. If not, will you take this matter up in such manner as shall secure what I request, and oblige, very truly yours,

ARTHUR L. ADAMS.

Ald. Stewart said he was opposed to handing the reservoir over to Mr. Adams again, but he knew what it would cost to effect the repairs. The council should insist on getting a report from Mr. Adams.

Ald. Turner thought that Mr. Adams was "rubbing it in" a little bit. It was up to Mr. Adams to come to Victoria and make his report, and the council would attend to the appointing of the engineer to superintend work afterwards. He moved that Mr. Adams be asked to come and report at his own expense.

This was second by Ald. Bishop. Ald. Humber said there were a number of men in Victoria who were competent to fix the reservoir if it would cost any more than \$5,000. That is to say, that if it is proposed to expend a large sum of money on it, a local man should be given a chance. But Adams should be given a last chance and should answer yes or no.

Ald. Ross was in favor of dropping Mr. Adams altogether. They had had enough to do with him.

Ald. Stable said it seemed to him that Mr. Adams wanted to repudiate all responsibility in the matter. He didn't like the way the gentleman was acting. He was opposed to handing the reservoir over to the care of Mr. Adams and Mr. Kempkey again.

Ald. McKeown repeated what he had said on a previous occasion, that he, if he were Mr. Adams, would be only too glad to come here and look after his professional reputation.

Ald. Fullerton said it had been hinted in the press that the aldermen knew something about the reservoir which they were inclined to hide. He was sure the public had been placed in possession of every scrap of information which the board had.

Ald. Henderson said the position of the council was the same as when the matter was discussed before that Mr. Adams should make a report to the city council in respect to conditions at the reservoir. It was due to the city and to his reputation that he make an attempt to remedy the defects.

Mayor Hall remarked that before Mr. Adams was appointed the board was told to get an expert and take his advice, and now they are blamed for not interfering with that expert. He agreed with Ald. Fullerton that the board had no information respecting the reservoir which they desired to hide.

The resolution asking Mr. Adams to come and make a report at his own expense was then carried.



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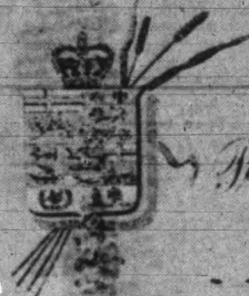
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Council Last Night Ratified Up-
land Farm Agreement and
Did Routine Work.

The Oak Bay council last night decided to sell the old school site on Foul Bay road, the money from it to be applied to the debt incurred from purchasing the site on which the new building is placed on Oak Bay avenue. The permission of the council of public instruction must be obtained and then the Lieutenant-governor in council must give the final consent before the property can be alienated from its original use. At present the school building is unoccupied and unused except for an hour on Sundays. It is not improbable that it may be purchased by one of the churches for use as a church and Sunday school building.

The Uplands Farm agreement with William Hicks Gardiner, mention of which has been made on several occasions, was presented in its final shape last night, the last arrangements having been made on behalf of the municipality by Councillor W. E. Oliver. At the conclusion Mr. Oliver was thanked for his services by resolution of the council. The agreement will be executed by the reeve and clerk and held until word has been received from Winnipeg that it has been executed there.

In its final form the agreement has taken rather the form of an option by the realty agents to enter into the compact if they so wish within the next two years.

According to the agreement the taxes on the property are to continue at the present rate for the next ten years on condition that W. H. Gardiner

and his associates spent the sum of at least \$500,000 in building roads, sewers, sidewalks, boulevards and parks. The work must be commenced within the next two years and continue regularly, a certain minimum sum being spent each year. The agreement has been ordered to be put in the form of a by-law which will require the assent of the people of the municipality.

The question of the work of the street roller came in for its share of discussion. There have been a number of roads recently macadamized in the municipality but the rolling has not been very satisfactory nor has it done very good work even on repair work.

It has been alleged that the big machine is constantly sliding off the road into the ditch and is doing more harm than good. It was decided to leave the whole matter in the hands of the engineer.

A by-law to provide for a uniform method in the construction of roads and sidewalks introduced by Councillor Newton was referred to the streets committee.

A draft copy of the proposed new special charter for which the municipality will apply at the forthcoming meeting of the legislature was considered in private, the press having been excluded by resolution of Councillor McGregor.

There were present the reeve and all the councillors except Councillor Pemberton.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE

Naples, Dec. 21.—Five persons were killed and five others seriously injured when an explosion occurred in the manufacture of explosives.

FOR MAYOR

To the Electors of the
City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I beg to announce that I am a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. After having served as Alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published and will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are:

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THE WATER PROBLEM AGAIN.

Ald. Stewart says he believes the inevitable result of the dead-lock in the water problem for the city of Victoria will be that within a few years we shall be compelled to buy water by the gallon from the Esquimalt Water Works Company. The Times has been of that opinion for some time. It expressed it the day after the rejection by the ratepayers of the proposition for the acquisition of the property of the peninsular water company. But Ald. Stewart is in favor of the purchase of water by the gallon, which the Times never has been, and is able to support his position by facts which are new to the public—that the cost of pumping water from Elk Lake, including the expense of lifting the water from the lake to the filter beds during the summer season, would exceed the cost of water it would be necessary to purchase from the water company. Mayor Hall says that the lake has yet to rise three feet and a half before it shall attain its original level; and this notwithstanding the fact that the rainfall during the present season has been much greater than the normal and the precipitation has been of such a character as to cause a much larger quantity of water than usual to run into the lake.

These facts appear to us to accentuate two things: the exceedingly complicated nature of the Elk Lake system and the folly of postponing further the acquisition of a larger and better source of supply.

It appears to us the present city council would be wise to leave this matter to its successor. Mr. Oliver, who is a candidate for the mayoralty, has outlined a scheme which would at once relieve the heavy burden upon the ratepayers of going to Sooke Lake as a separate municipality and solve the water problem for all surrounding municipalities, which also have claims which cannot be ignored to a satisfactory water service. Whoever may be elected to fill the chair of chief magistrate of the city, that scheme cannot be ignored. It will be taken up, investigated and either accepted or rejected. The co-operation of the provincial government, it is true, is necessary to insure the success of the proposal, but we think such co-operation can be safely counted on, as it would involve no liability upon the treasury. The element of time is important. It is true, as the city is growing rapidly, and may outgrow the capacity of Elk Lake before any scheme can be carried out and put in operation. But a week or two cannot make a great deal of difference, and it is essential that the ground should be thoroughly cleared before another concrete proposition shall be placed before the ratepayers for endorsement. Leave the matter for the consideration of the council of 1910.

THE RESERVOIR MUDDLE.

We are not aware that anyone has charged the Mayor or the Aldermen with being aware of the fact that the Smith's Hill reservoir was being built in a faulty manner or that there were any public demands that the Mayor or the Aldermen should interfere with Engineer Adams during the term of that gentleman's superintendency of the work. On the contrary, we believe the public was agreed that Mr. Adams should have complete freedom and remain quite untrammelled during the period of construction.

The time for criticism came after the work was announced to be complete and experience proved that it did not fulfil the purpose for which it was designed. Even then we do not know that the public held the Mayor and the Aldermen directly responsible. But we think now that the fact is admitted that there are defects in the reservoir, whether these defects be fundamental or superficial, the responsibility for them ought to be established.

The public has nothing whatever to do with Engineer Adams. It has just as little to do with the persons, expert or inexpert, who carried out the work of construction under Mr. Adams. The council is the only authority to which it can look for an investigation and a report. The Mayor and the Aldermen represent the people in the transaction. As long as the council seemed inclined to take the side of the engineer and his staff and to maintain in spite of facts which were palpable to all who had eyes to see that there were no inherent defects in the reservoir, was it any wonder that all sorts of rumors were set in circulation in regard to the manner in which the work had been executed?

Now that the facts are admitted, the ground has been cleared for action of some kind, we suppose. What that action will be is at present past finding out. The matter appears to be entirely in the hands of Engineer Adams, but he has passed from civic control. The council has no grip upon him. He has been paid in full for whatever services he may have performed. He has left behind him a work which is not to his credit as a professional man. Consideration of that fact may induce Mr. Adams to come back and give the council the benefit of his advice. That is the only bond the city holds as a guarantee that the engineer will undertake to make the reservoir fit for the work it was intended to do. And at that the process of mending may prove a very expensive affair for the people of Victoria.

If the gentlemen of the City Council made an effort to divorce themselves temporarily from their official positions and to survey the situation from the point of view of mere ratepayers, they would perhaps be inclined to admit that there are real grounds for dissatisfaction.

FISCAL TENDENCIES.

A member of the Taft cabinet made a very significant announcement a few days ago. Speaking at a public meeting in one of the cities of the East, he said that the work of tariff reform was not yet completed, that the Republican party had just commenced its work, that the Payne-Aldrich bill did not by any means represent the party's ultimate idea of tariff reduction, that the work must go on, but that it will be conducted in such a manner as to cause the minimum of disturbance to business. It is hardly likely that such declaration would be made without authority, and it is therefore only reasonable to assume that the Postmaster General expressed the opinion in his speech of the president and the entire cabinet. Protection has consequently reached its highest altitude in the United States. From this time forward the tendency will be in a downward direction, the rate of reduction depending more, probably, upon the temper of the Senate than upon the will of the administration. In this matter our neighbors are a few years behind us. Canada decided thirteen years ago that there were limits beyond which the principle of protection could not go in the best interests of the masses of the people. If the United States, recovering from the spell of timidity which seized it following the last presidential election, in which the Republicans pledged themselves, to drastic reforms, attacks the tariff walls with determination, the effect upon the attitude of other nations will be considerable. The time does not appear to be opportune for the Conservative party of Great Britain to embark upon a policy of protection, even though its proposals appear moderate compared with the finished deal works of the United States, Germany, France, and the minor powers of the world.

Christmas week opens with ideal Christmas weather, for this part of the world at least. Down in the Antipodes it may be different, with the sun at the top of his summer form. There is just sufficient nip of frost in the air to carry one's mind back to the days when Mr. Pickwick was at the zenith of his splendor as a leader in personally conducted tours. Does the reader remember the Christmas week when the Club paid a visit to Mr. Wardle at

Dingley Dell and enjoyed itself shooting and skating—that is some of the members enjoyed themselves. Others made exhibitions of themselves. But millions of readers have enjoyed their discomfiture and exposure and the severe rebukes administered by their chief. The farmer of Dingley Dell was a most hospital, jolly old gentleman, and gave his guests the "time of their lives," particularly in the evenings. Joe the Fat Boy was not the only person in those days who enjoyed the good things of life. Doubtless Dickens was inclined to be a trifle "hard" in his descriptions of the people of England and the life they lived in the good old days of long ago, but let us hope that, despite political unrest and the legitimate aspirations of the "common people," there are still a few Wardles left in the Old Land, and that the Christmas parties of this week will be quite as jolly and hearty as of yore.

The Times is opposed to all real estate booms of a purely artificial character. We cannot endorse the cry "Let her boom," regardless of consequences. The prices of real property in this city, and particularly of business property, have ruled low for some years, possibly lower than the circumstances warranted. Prices were bound to increase, and we are pleased to see that they are increasing in a measure consistent with property's potential earning capacity. But the system which has been adopted of late by our contemporary across the way of magnifying the prices at which certain properties have changed hands cannot be defended. The effect is bound to be pernicious in the end. There are legitimate and illegitimate ways of doing business, even business in real estate. The safe course is to stick to the sound and sure way. Victoria is growing, and growing rapidly. No one interested in the future of the city should countenance anything that must in the end tend to militate against growth and prove injurious to business.

Vancouver is a progressive city and is growing rapidly. Yet the general consensus of opinion in Vancouver is that there is at present no necessity for the establishment of a board of control in the hope of promoting greater efficiency in the conduct of civic affairs. The newspapers and some of the leading citizens charge that the members of the council appear to be more concerned about making more complicated and expensive the machinery of municipal government than in operating

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As a useful and sensible gift and one that will be appreciated may we suggest a lovely waist length. At present we are showing a splendid assortment in our dress goods section. They are in French flannels and delaines, in plain and stripe effects; also spotted effects in every shade desired, and are priced unusually low at, each \$1.50

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ing the machinery under their control with care and economy. The charge is not new in connection with governments in this country. When men become clothed with a little temporary authority they seem to lose sight entirely of the point of view of the people who are compelled to meet the expenses of the government.

Germany appears to present a curious compound of autocracy and democracy verging on socialism. Elmer Roberts, an American journalist resident in Berlin, presents some astounding facts in the January Scribner in a paper on "Monarchical Socialism in

Germany." He shows how measures that would be looked upon in America as the very extreme of radicalism are fully adopted into the law and custom of Germany. It is a striking summary of the obligations undertaken by the state for the citizens of the state.

The columns of the New York Times are utilized almost as freely by correspondents as the columns of the Victoria Daily Times. The contributions to our great contemporary, however, are invariably condensed into a very small space. Possibly the editor throws all letters of undue or unusual length in the waste paper basket. The tempta-

tion is great, and we advise our contributors, whose confidence and patronage we highly esteem, to take the hint.

AERIAL LEAGUE.

The Women's Aerial League has resolved to invite British girls and boys to band themselves into a branch of the league. A great meeting will be held during the Christmas holidays, when the details of the scheme will be heard, and when Mr. Eric Bruce, late secretary of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain, will give the girls and boys an illustrated lecture and will show them a number of interesting models and experiments. The league will assist in arranging lectures and

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Real estate continues to be very active. If you want to dispose of your property list it with Gillespie & Hart, 1115 Langley street, and you won't have to wait long for a buyer.

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Do you want to win one of those prizes at the Empress Theatre? See our ad. on theatrical page.

At Vancouver on Friday last a suit for \$90 for alleged services as trained nurse which Mrs. Heal, of Victoria, brought in the County Court against E. Taylor, of Vancouver, was dismissed by Judge Grant.

The Christmas treat for St. Paul's Sabbath school will take place in Semple's hall on Wednesday evening next. Supper will be served to the children at 6 o'clock. A programme by the children and others at 8 o'clock will be given, to which parents and friends are cordially invited.

Kengo Ishimaru, who is accused of the brutal murder of a fellow countryman, Nichizawa, at White Rock, near the boundary line, was arrested by Chief Constable Campbell at Vancouver yesterday, according to advices received by Supt. Hussey last evening. The murder was committed in a drunken row on Saturday night, and after Ishimaru started along the track towards New Westminster. He was seen early Sunday morning, and the provincial police in Victoria notified. They found him yesterday as he got to Vancouver along the Great Northern tracks. The local police were watching the boats as it was thought he might come here.

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H. P. Pullen has announced his intention of being a candidate for school trustee in the coming election in the Oak Bay municipality.

The voters of ward two did not turn out to the meeting of the ward branch of the Voters' League called for last night in North Ward school. As a consequence there was no meeting, but an effort will be made to have one next Tuesday evening.

Yesterday the building inspector issued building permits to P. Bryant for the erection of a dwelling at Hollywood Park, to cost \$4,000; to J. Parsons for an addition to his store on Yates street, to cost \$450, and to James Sellick for an addition to his house on Quadra street, to cost \$250.

The remains of the late John McAdoo, who will be interred in Ross Bay cemetery to-morrow afternoon. The funeral will take place at 2:15 o'clock from the family residence, 309 Simcoe street, and at 2:30 o'clock from St. James' church. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet will officiate.

In view of the great increase of the coal output in the Crow's Nest district, it has been represented that there are not enough inspectors to properly look after the work. At yesterday's meeting of the cabinet it was decided to appoint two additional inspectors, and the choice fell on Evan Evans and John Strathairn.

The children of the Salvation Army Sunday school will give an entertainment in the Broad street citadel on Thursday evening. Santa Claus will appear some time during the evening and dispense presents to all who have attended the school during the year. J. S. Sergeant-Major McNeill and the staff of teachers invite the parents and friends.

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OUTSIDERS MUST NOT ATTEND CITY SCHOOLS

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Orders have been given to the principals of all the city schools to exclude those pupils who reside outside the city, excepting only those whose parents pay rates within the city. This will not apply to the High school, but will affect all those below.

There are a number of pupils who attend the city schools from Oak Bay and Esquimalt, and a few from Saanich. In Oak Bay there has been a system of reciprocity in force by which some of the city children who live near were allowed to attend the municipal schools, and the older pupils from the municipality were allowed to attend the Central school in the city. All this is now at an end, and in future the pupils will have to attend their own schools.

"MAN OF THE HOUR"
Popular Play Was Well Presented
Last Evening at Victoria Theatre.

Perhaps because of the fact that it has been seen here before, Broadhurst's "Man of the Hour" did not draw a large crowd at the Victoria last night. But the story of the play is one which will stand much retelling, and it will never lose its interest to those who follow the curious trail of the ward boss in the government of the great American cities. The cast last evening was scarcely as strong as that which presented the same play here on the last occasion, but the inimitable Felix Hancey as Alderman Casey is still with the company, and gives to that part all the pliancy and drollery which has made his part famous. Mr. Moore as Horrikan was also effective in his role. The leading lady was somewhat disappointing.

The new book of Common Prayer will be used at Christ Church cathedral for the first time on Christmas Day. What more appropriate present than one of these, which we have in all bindings. M. W. Watt & Co., Ltd.

The funeral of the late John Gray, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jamieson, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 1214 Gladstone avenue. Interment took place in Ross Bay cemetery.

The B.Y.P.U. of Emmanuel Baptist church will hold their Christmas social to-night. The decorating committee put the last touches to their work this morning, and all is in readiness. After the programme refreshments will be served.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late William Spencer took place from Hanna's Undertaking chapel, where a number of the friends and fellow members of Knox church, of which deceased had been a consistent member, had met to show respect to his memory. The service was conducted by Rev. Jas. McCoy, who made very touching reference to the life and character of deceased who had never missed an opportunity of speaking a word for his Master to all with whom he came in contact. Sympathy was expressed for the parents and other relatives in the Old Land, who would not know for some days to come of his untimely death. There were beautiful floral offerings on the casket which was borne to the cemetery by the following as pallbearers: R. C. Horn, W. A. Jamieson, Jos. Griffiths, W. D. Kincaid, A. A. Heery and R. G. Howell.

To the Electors for School Trustees

I beg to offer myself as a candidate at the forthcoming Municipal Elections, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WILLIAM H. P. SWEENEY

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASK FOR CHANGES

Government Promises Attention to Request.

The government yesterday received a deputation representing the British Columbia School Trustees' Association, and promised careful consideration to a request for attention to the following matters which were discussed at the recent convention in Chilliwack:

The question of lending assistance to night schools; the recognition of the status of the association; the medical inspection of schools; the fixing of an educational standard; the extension of manual training and domestic science to rural districts; that attention should be given to the equipment of school libraries, and the provision of national and patriotic songs.

The deputation was composed of President J. C. Robertson, Chilliwack; George Jay and Capt. McIntosh, Victoria; C. E. Hope and W. E. Flumerfelt, Vancouver; P. Peebles, New Westminster, and J. J. Dougan, secretary, Victoria.

SCHOOL CLOSING.
Pupils of North Ward Give Concert in Aid of Piano Fund.

The pupils of the North Ward school, to the number of four hundred and fifty, assembled in the hall of the school at 2 p.m. last week and gave a very interesting programme of songs, choruses, recitation, dialogues, etc. Many parents and friends of the children were present and thoroughly enjoyed the efforts of the pupils.

After the completion of the programme, Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, McNeill, Mackintosh, Steneland, and also Rev. T. W. Gladstone, addressed the pupils.

At 3 p.m. the same day a literary and musical entertainment was given by pupils and ex-pupils of the school. The assembly room was crowded, and everyone present enjoyed the excellent programme. A. B. McNeill acted as chairman.

The net proceeds to the amount of \$75 have been deposited in the bank to the credit of the piano fund.

The following programme was given: The Youthful Orator, His First Speech, dialogue by Walter Hall, Wm. Hick and Calvin Foote; "Snow Flakes," a motion song, by little girls of Miss Chapman's class; recitation, "Boys' Rights," Archie McEachern; violin solo, Miss Bessie Forbes; recitation, "That Boy," Alan Jones; solo (vocal), Mrs. Jesse Longfield; doll drill, sixteen girls from Mrs. Mackenzie's and Miss Tingley's classes; trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice," by senior pupils; vocal solo, Miss Lenore Black; "Christmas Carol," by 50 boys; piano solo, Miss Ellen Graham; recitation, "Long Ago," by Cecil Donohue; "Christmas Fairies," a fancy drill by 21 girls; "Keeping School," a dialogue by a number of boys and girls; character song, by Mrs. Stedham; Christmas song, by 25 girls; "God Save the King."

Professor Claudia has postponed the concert to be given on 25th inst. by his pupils until after the new year. The postponement is owing to inability to hold rehearsals during the Christmas season.

Yesterday afternoon the regular monthly meeting of the mission board of the W.C.T.U. was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Wellwood. Favorable reports were received as to the work being carried on at the mission. The usual dinner on Christmas Day to the men will be held and all donations for this will be thankfully received at the mission hall, Langley street, on or before that day. The next meeting of the board will be held on January 7th at the home of Mrs. Norman, 628 Hillside avenue, at 5 o'clock.

MOTORING DISTANCES.

The following shows the distances from Victoria of different points on Vancouver Island:

	Miles.
Abertown	113
Colwood	8
Cowichan	25
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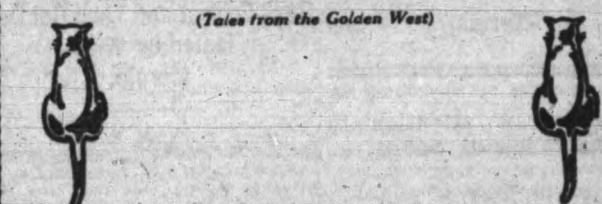
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ISLAND LEAGUE GAME CHRISTMAS MORNING

Foresters and Victoria West Teams Meet at Oak Bay.

The Christmas Day soccer game will be played before dinner at Oak Bay park. Realizing the difficulty of playing the game after a Christmas dinner, the A. O. F. and Victoria West teams have decided to get out in the morning and the game has now been officially announced for 10:15 at Oak Bay. The match is the Island League fixture and the first game between the teams in this league.

The Victoria West line-up will probably be the same as that which played at Ladysmith last Saturday with the exception that McKelrick will replace Tait on the forward line, while the team that took the field against Nanaimo at the Canteen ground will represent the Foresters, including Sam Lorimer, Gowan, Malcolm, Telford and Clegg. From the results of last Saturday's Island League matches the Christmas morning game should be a close contest and Victoria West will have the hardest team to fight that it has been against this season.

ELEVEN IN EMPRESS RACE CHRISTMAS DAY

Two-mile Handicap for the Hotel Sprinters This Afternoon.

Eleven are entered in the Empress five-mile road race to be run Saturday morning, Christmas Day, over the course from the hotel to outer wharf and up the Dallas road to Beacon Hill park round the mile track and then back to the hotel.

Those entered are: C. Brown, V. W. A.; E. M. Case, J. B. A.; C. Thomas, J. B. A.; E. Coates, N. W. A.; E. Coleman, V. W. A.; W. Kersey, E. A. C.; C. Carroll, E. A. C.; E. Tribe, E. A. C.; Ira Blitham, Sidney; W. Linn, Fifth Regiment; T. Sheppard, unattached, 11 years old.

The Empress Club this afternoon is running a two-mile race for club members only at Beacon Hill park. It is a handicap race, Carroll and Kersey start from scratch and the rest having handicaps from 100 to 400 yards. The runners will go twice round the Beacon Hill park track.

VICTORIA WEST WINS SECOND GAME AT RINK

Bays Protest and Then Get Defeated by Wide Margin.

Victoria West five won the third game in the basketball league at the rink last night from James Bay by a score of 30 to 17, and that after the losing side had a lead at half time of 12 to 9.

Before the game started K. Hughes, for the Bays, handed Secretary Christopher of the league, a written protest against playing against the Victoria West team, as the team contained Okell and Bailey. The Wests read the protest and then went in and licked them.

The game was very even during the first half, and the Bays had a good lead at one time. Towards the end of the first period the Victoria West team livened up and reduced the lead a little, ending the half with the Bays three points to the good.

With the opening of the second half the Bays seemed to have lost their speed, and Victoria West to have found theirs, for the game was entirely in the hands of the latter, which added 21 to 5 for the second half, romping all round the protesters and securing the second win for the season. The teams lined up last night were:

Victoria West—Okell, Brown, Corkle, Jenkins and Bailey.

J. B. A.—Hughes, Russell, Todd, McDougall and Peden.

The league standing is:

	W.	L.	Pts.
Victoria West	3	0	4
North Ward	1	0	2
J. B. A.	0	1	0
Y. M. C. A.	0	2	0

HOCKEY. CUP IS PRESENTED.

On view in the window of Hinton & Co., Government street, is the cup presented by W. H. Wilson, the jeweler, to the Ladies Hockey Club League. The cup will become the property of the club winning it two years.

While a case was being heard at the Clerkwell, London, police court counsel referred to an act of George III. "Am I going to be tried under an act hundreds of years old?" the prisoner demanded indignantly. "I have heard you can be hanged for theft under these old acts, and I don't want that." The magistrate mentioned that there was a later act, passed seventy years ago. "Is that the very latest?" the prisoner inquired. "I want to be tried up-to-date."

Douglas St. Concert To-Night

Everybody will flock in bunches to-night to Douglas street, where goods at reasonable prices are in evidence. Come one, come all. Douglas street is the place. See some of the sensible Xmas Offerings at 7 o'clock.

VICTORIA SPORTING GOODS CO.

1307 Douglas Street, at Yates.

C. V. McCONNELL. "Nifty Sporting Goods." JOHN P. SWEENEY.

Strong Help for Weak Kidneys

"Fruit-a-tives" is the Best Kidney Medicine in the World.

If people only realized the danger of Weak Kidneys, and the value of "Fruit-a-tives," there would be practically no Kidney Diseases in Canada. When the kidneys become congested (too full of blood) or strained from overwork, they can quickly be made well and strong again by taking a box or two of "Fruit-a-tives."

Pain in the back, frequent headaches, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, coated tongue, constant desire to urinate—these are the common symptoms of congestion of the kidneys.

The only possible way to relieve this congestion is to force the bowels and skin to rid the system of more waste matter and thus allow the inflamed kidneys to rest and grow strong again. "Fruit-a-tives," being fruit juices, intensified, soothes and stimulates the kidneys, and at the same time rouses the bowels and skin to healthy action. "Fruit-a-tives," by their prompt action on the bowels and skin, almost instantly relieves the intense pain in back and promptly takes away every trace of Kidney Disease.

If you are suffering with your kidneys begin at once to take "Fruit-a-tives" and you will quickly realize the value of these tablets.

At dealers—50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50 or trial size, 25c. — or from Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF STEAMER PROTESILAUS

New Blue Funnel-Liner to Be Here Next Spring.

Dodwell & Co., Pacific coast agents for the Blue Funnel line, has been advised that the new steamer Proteus, built for the Liverpool-Puget Sound trade, will leave the former port for this side February 5th. She will arrive on Puget Sound about the middle of April. The Proteus is a twin screw vessel. She was built for A. Holt & Co. by R. & W. Hawthorne, Leslie & Co., Ltd., and was recently launched at Hebburn-on-Tyne. The dimensions are: Length, 501 ft.; breadth, 60 ft. 2 in.; depth, 42 ft. 6 in. She will have a d. w. capacity of 12,000 tons, and accommodation for about 250 emigrants and a number of first-class passengers. There will be 7 holds, and the cargo gear will consist of 26 hatches and 21 derricks, capable of lifting weights up to 50 tons. She has been designed for the general cargo trade to the Far East and Puget Sound. She has spacious holds, clear of obstructions, and suited to the stowage of bulky cargo, such as railway cars or boilers. There will be no masts, but four large pillars will be fitted, two forward and two aft, at the side of the vessel, which will serve the purpose of derrick posts. The two forward pillars will be joined by a bridge about 75 ft. above water, which will be useful as a lookout. Electric light is fitted throughout. Her machinery, which is being constructed by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., at Wallsend, will consist of two sets of triple-expansion engines with cylinders 23, 38½, 65 by 48 in. stroke, steam being supplied by four boilers working at 150 lbs. pressure.

The Proteus will be a valuable addition to an already splendid fleet. The company for some time has operated the Bellerophon, Tencer, Titan, Antiochus, Cyclops, Oana, Ningchow and Kueemun on this route. With the addition of the Proteus it will be possible to withdraw the older steamers for overhauling and repairing. In the past the regular liners have usually had less than a month at home, and that they have been kept in such perfect condition under the circumstances speaks well for their efficiency.

TRADES UNION MEETINGS.

Barbers 2nd and 4th Monday
Blacksmiths 1st and 3rd Tuesday
Boilermakers 2nd and 4th Tuesday
Bookbinders 1st and 3rd Tuesday
Bricklayers 2nd and 4th Monday
Bartenders 1st and 3rd Sunday
Cooks and Waiters 2nd and 4th Tuesday
Carpenters Alternate Wednesdays
Cigarmakers 1st Friday
Electrical Workers 2nd Friday
Garment Workers 1st Monday
Labourers 1st and 3rd Friday
Laundry Workers 1st and 3rd Tuesday
Longshoremen 4th Wednesday
Letter Carriers 1st Tuesday
Machinists 1st and 3rd Thursday
Moulders 2nd Wednesday
Musicians 2nd Sunday
Painters 1st and 3rd Monday
Plumbers 1st and 3rd Tuesday
Printing Pressmen 2nd Monday
Shipwrights 2nd and 4th Thursday
Steam Fitters 1st and 3rd Tuesday
Stonecutters 2nd Thursday
Street Railway Employees 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., 3rd Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Stereotypers Monthly
Tailors 1st Monday
T. & L. Council 1st and 3rd Wednesday
Typographical Last Sunday

MAY DIE FROM WOUND.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—Antone Bartolo, an Italian laborer, who threatened the life of Florence Davis, a pretty ticket girl in a ten-cent theatre, is in the hospital to-day, and his life may pay the penalty. He was shot by an unknown pursuer.

KITCHENER WITNESSES

REVIEW IN JAPAN

Field Marshal Watches March Past of Thirty Thousand Troops.

A Tokio correspondent writing on Lord Kitchener's visit to Japan, says: Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener is the guest of the Emperor and the lion of the hour in Japan. He has disappointed none, for in the Japanese eye, as in the eyes of his compatriots resident here, he is every inch a soldier. The morning following his arrival in Japan—the birthday of the Emperor—dawned and remained as brilliant a day as the chrysanthemum season of this country has ever afforded. Lord Kitchener came in khaki, and was not seen in uniform until upon the parade ground at Aoyama, in a dazzling sunshine, before 30,000 troops assembled and under the eyes of hundreds of thousands of people, including the representatives of every nation, he rode at the head of a brilliant staff, and behind the Emperor himself. The plumes of the field-marshal's helmet waved high above all others, and the eye that has swept so many fields saw with appreciation the orderly review of Japanese infantry, artillery, and cavalry, each man of whom seemed to hold himself the better because Kitchener was at the saluting-point. Never has there been such a grand birthday review in Tokio. At the close of the war there were more troops and more enthusiasm, but there was not the same evidence of training and discipline. To those who have seen the grand reviews before there was an improvement so marked as to be almost astounding. The infantry march-past, even with the disadvantage of the awkward semi-goose step, was excellent, but perfection almost was reached as the artillery thundered past with their 140 guns. The cavalry, too, the horses and the horsemanship of Japanese repairmen have not been admired, and both are still open to great improvement, but each year marks a change for the better.

During the review the Emperor sat in an open carriage, and immediately behind him were Lord Kitchener and his staff. A marquis, cut in two sections of Japan and carpeted in red, was set apart for the Emperor and the Princes, among whom was Prince Kuni, recently returned from America and Europe. As soon as the Emperor arrived upon the field, amid the roll of drums and calls from a thousand bugles, he entered the throne-temple, and as he did so from the hushed hands all round the huge parade-ground there rolled the sonorous notes of the majestic national anthem of Japan. Lord Kitchener was the first to be presented, Sir Claude Macdonald, the British ambassador, who wore the uniform of his cavalry regiment, conducting him to the Emperor. His Majesty graciously greeted the distinguished visitor, and in a few words his pleasure at seeing him present on this occasion.

The review over, Lord Kitchener left, and was presented to the Princes in similar manner; afterwards to the chiefs of mission and their staffs, the presentation being made by Viscount Terauchi, the minister for war. Then followed the presentation of the ambassadors and ministers to the Emperor, to whom they offered their congratulations on his birthday.

Beyond the royal tent and that erected for the diplomatic body were stretched lines of other tents, with chairs for the reception of people, immediately after the presentation, and when the review began, there was a common mingling of the occupants of all tents, except those reserved for the Princes and the Emperor, and in the bright sun the red coat of England, the pearl grey of India, the blue of the United States, and the colors of Germany, Russia, France, Austria, in fact of every country of the civilized world with a representative in Japan, made a wonderful picture in combination with the pretty dresses of the lady guests.

The entire ceremony occupied two hours from beginning to end, and then the assemblage dispersed after the Emperor had driven in front of the tenth reserved for diplomats and guests, continuously acknowledging the bowed heads of the men and the bows from the women. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum had gone to his carriage, taking the same route as the Emperor, and was the observed of all observers, saluted by the officers and by nearly every man in the vast assemblage.

He, too, saluted and smiled pleasantly as he passed along the front and occasionally spoke to General Viscount Terauchi, who rode beside him. And so the first part of the celebration of the Emperor's birthday was over. It was followed by a formal luncheon in a Japanese, given by the Emperor to the chiefs of mission and highest officials. At the Lord Kitchener was present in his capacity of special representative of the King of England. In the same capacity he was presented at a magnificent dinner that night given by the foreign minister as the representative of the Emperor.

China's postal routes cover 8,000 miles and there are 5,400 post offices as compared with 175 in 1901.

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LADIES' \$6 PATENT DRESS
BOOTS, for \$3.95
LADIES' \$5 KID DRESS BOOTS
for \$3.45
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CLEARED LANDS

The cleared lots at Qualicum Beach, Newcastle District are now on the market in tracts of from thirty to forty acres. For plans and prices apply to L. H. SOLLY, Land Agent, Victoria, or L. E. ALLIN, Local Agent, Parksville.

Smokers' Requisites

Best Line in the City Always on hand at the
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COR. GOVT. AND TROUNCE AVE.
Everything up to the Minute.

YOU WILL FIND BARGAINS IN TIMES WANT ADS.

For Men

Cuff Links, \$1.00 to	\$25
Fob Chains, \$1.00 to	\$27
Gold Locket, \$3.00 to	\$15
Diamond Locket, \$20 to	\$60
Diamond Rings, \$20 to	\$150
Diamond Studs, \$20 to	\$175
Signet Rings, \$4.00 to	\$15
Gold Watches, \$50 to	\$100
Gold Filled Watches, \$12 to	\$48
Silver Watches, \$5.00 to	\$40
Gold Filled Chains, \$2.00 to	\$10
Scarf Pins, \$1.00 to	\$75
Silver Hair Brushes, \$7.00 to	\$12
Toilet Sets, leather, \$7.00 to	\$25
Ebony Brushes, \$2.00 to	\$7.00
Ebony Clothes Brushes, \$1.50 to	\$2.75
Fountain Pens, \$2.00 to	\$25
Clocks, \$3.00 to	\$50
Bill Books, \$1.75 to	\$6.00
Wallets, \$2.00 to	\$7.00
Pipes, \$2.00 to	\$7.00
Cigarette Cases, \$2.50 to	\$10
Cigar Cases, \$2.50 to	\$14
Smokers' Sets, 50c to	\$7.00
Toilet Sets in cases, \$3.00 to	\$20
Bull Seal Lion Hand Valise, \$25 to	\$30

For Women

Diamond Brooches, \$50 to	\$500
Diamond Earrings, \$25 to	\$500
Diamond Rings, \$7.00 to	\$375
Earrings, \$1.25 to	\$150
Necklets, \$1.25 to	\$100
Watches, \$15 to	\$700
Gold Watch Chains, \$5 to	\$45
Silver Watch Chains, \$1.25 to	\$3
Pearl Brooches, \$3.00 to	\$50
Gold Brooches, \$5.00 to	\$75
Bracelet Watches, \$5.00 to	\$50
Gold Bracelets, \$5.00 to	\$175
Blouse Pins, \$1.50 to	\$15
Muff Chains, \$1.00 to	\$3.00
Hand Bags, \$1.75 to	\$28
Hair Combs, \$1.00 to	\$15
Silver Toilet Sets, \$15 to	\$65
Ebony Toilet Sets, \$2.75 to	\$15
Opera Glasses, \$4.00 to	\$25
Fans, \$1.25 to	\$10
Silver Photo Frames, 50c to	\$18
Clocks, \$2.50 to	\$50
Cut Glass Articles, 50c to	\$100
Silver Tea Service, \$12 to	\$75
Hand Bags, \$3.00 to	\$25
Toilet Sets in cases, \$3.00 to	\$20



2,000 Folks
After
Wilkerson's
Thimbles

Over two thousand ladies flocked into this up-to-date jewelry store on Saturday, and each one was presented with a solid silver English "Hall" marked thimble with the name of this enterprising firm engraved upon it. This presentation was absolutely free, a Christmas gift to this popular young jeweler's patrons. When the thimbles were all exhausted, names and addresses were written down by the store's clerks, so that each lady who did not receive one will shortly receive a silver thimble delivered to her place of abode.

WILKERSON'S—THE GIFT STORE
915 Government St.

ASQUITH REPLIES TO ALARMISTS

PREMIER SPEAKS ON NAVAL QUESTION

Navy, He Declares, Equal to Any Emergency Which May Arise.

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith to-day, speaking at Liverpool, said as regards the navy, let him say once for all, and he spoke with full deliberation after careful and prolonged inquiry, that the navy to-day was able to maintain not only this year, but for years before us, our supremacy on the sea, and should the necessity arise, which God forbid, to guarantee the integrity of our shores, the protection of our commerce and the inviolability of our empire.

Sir Robert Perks in a letter denounces the free church council and its claims to speak for Protestants and dissenters of the Kingdom. He points that the Wesleyan Methodists are standing aloof and distrustful.

Mr. Hawkins, secretary of the Eighty Club, speaking to-day, expressed every confidence that the liberals will be returned to power, but with a decreased majority. He predicts a majority of 160.

CITY MEMBERS MET BOARD OF TRADE

Canadian Northern Matters Were Discussed With Evident Satisfaction.

The board of trade council met this morning and discussed Canadian Northern plans and Victoria's share in them. Hon. Richard McBride was accompanied by H. B. Thomson and Fred Davey. H. F. W. Behnson is out of the city.

What took place was not made public, but judging from the faces of the members of the council after the meeting the conference had been a satisfactory one.

factory one from Victoria's point of view.

A circular letter was read from the board of trade of Hamilton, Ont., regarding the promise in the speech from the throne at Ottawa of legislation to render the combines law more effective. The Ambitious City's board wants copies of the bill sent to all boards in Canada and also desires a permanent trade tribunal with power to sit in cases of alleged trade combines, composed of commercial men. This was referred to the committee on trade and commerce.

Manuel C. Tellez, Mexican consul at Vancouver, forwarded an invitation to Victoria business men to take advantage of the excursion on the Enna to gain a personal acquaintance with Mexico and its business possibilities.

EPIDEMIC OF CRIME IN VANCOUVER

Masked Hold-up Man Shoots Victim in Foot—Another Burglary.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The epidemic of crime in Vancouver continues. Early this morning Archibald Mitchell was held up at the corner of Keefer and Westminster avenues. Three masked armed men demanded his money at the point of guns. Mitchell parleyed a moment and then fled. One robber fired at him and wounded him in the foot but the shots attracted attention and the bandits fled.

Another burglary occurred last night at Campbell's gent's furnishings store. One thousand dollars worth of goods was taken.

The police say an organized gang of thugs is at work, taking advantage of the fog which continues every night.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

General Manager Says First Train Will Reach Coast in 1912.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—E. J. Chamberlain, the general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, says the first train on the new road will reach the Pacific coast in 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare will celebrate their golden wedding on Wednesday, Dec. 29th. Practically the whole of their wedded life has been spent in Victoria, they having lived here since 1838. All their old friends are invited to visit them at their home, corner of Blanchard and Hillside avenues, on the 29th instant.

RINGING BELLS AND LIGHTS AT CORNERS

New System of Alarm for Approach of Fire Brigade.

Fire Chief Davis has arranged for the installation of a new method of alarm for traffic when the fire brigade is out racing down the street to answer a fire alarm. An automatic signal will be installed at the beginning of the New Year at the corners of Douglas and Cormorant streets, Government and Cormorant streets, Broad and Yates streets, all of which are recognized by the department as being dangerous corners to traffic when the fire brigade is out.

The signal will consist of loud gongs which will ring automatically when the brigade leaves the Cormorant station, and clusters of red lights which will flash during the night time. The bells will ring or the lights will show for a period of five minutes from the time the alarm is rung in, after which the brigade will have passed all the points equipped with the new apparatus.

When the bells ring or the lights flash all traffic on these points must cease until the brigade has passed. The fire chief has been getting out a new department primer, containing a list of the numbers of all boxes with location and all the apparatus each box calls out. This will be ready for distribution next month.

E. & N. RAILWAY IS NOW OPEN AGAIN

All Trains to Run Regularly, Commencing To-morrow Morning.

Once again is the E. & N. railway open for all regular traffic. The ordinary schedule for running trains will be resumed to-morrow morning and freight will now be handled as usual.

This was the cheering information conveyed to the Times this afternoon by H. E. Bensley, superintendent of the railway, and it will prove an excellent piece of news for the travelling public and merchants who have been put to an inconvenience through

the inability of the road to handle freight for the past week.

Mr. Bensley says that the train, upbound, which left at 11 a.m., got over the break at Sillia all right, the temporary track serving the purpose well, and a couple of hours afterward the last pile had been driven in the new permanent structure. A freight train is expected to reach Victoria this evening with big consignments of Christmas goods.

CHURCH MEMBERS' DUTY TO EACH OTHER

Judge Lampman Hears Argument in an Interesting Case.

The duty of good faith one towards another in a body such as that of a religious congregation was a matter of discussion in County Court this morning, when Judge Lampman heard argument in the case of James Middleton against H. P. Winsby and E. J. Cameron. Middleton sued for \$187.50, half the commission received by defendants on the sale of a lot belonging to W. J. Pendray to the First Baptist church.

R. T. Elliott, K.C., for the defendants, contented himself with setting out the broad principles of law on which he so relied and citing half a dozen cases. The utmost good faith was due between members of a company or a congregation, he argued, and every act must be tried by the highest canons of honor. On the point of agency he quoted decisions laying down that one could be agent for others without express authorization or appointment.

J. A. Alkman contended that plaintiff as a member of First Baptist church was the same as a company shareholder and therefore not in any position of trust. He had a perfect right to take a commission on the sale of the property. In no sense could he be considered as an agent of the congregation. In fact he had taken an option on the property personally in order to hold it until he had time to bring it before the congregation.

Judge Lampman pointed out that the receipts for the first payment of \$500 were made out, \$25 to Middleton and \$475 to J. L. Beckwith. It was plainly a substitution of Mr. Beckwith for plaintiff as agent for the congregation.

"No man must be in a position where interest and duty conflict," said His Honor. "A congregation may be looked upon as a group of fellow-adventurers and there must be good faith among them. It is no reason that be-

cause any one of them is not a paid employee or trustee for the company that he can do up the men who sit next to him at a church meeting."

Mr. Alkman went into the facts briefly and maintained that His Honor must find "absolute, deliberate, cold-blooded perjury" on one side or the other.

The court reserved judgment.

FATAL FIRE IN WINNIPEG.

One Man Loses His Life—Man and Woman Fatally Injured.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—John Allcock, car checker, was burned to death, and Geo. Baxter and Hilda Brown were fatally injured in a fire in the Hotel Metropole late to-day.

Employees and guests of the hotel were compelled to jump from the second and third story windows of the building. Several persons received minor injuries. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Friday being Christmas eve, the regular weekly meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee will this week be held on Thursday evening. The special meeting of the board of health will be held at 7:30 on the same evening.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW, new, modern, extremely well situated on Queen's Avenue, \$3,500 on very easy terms. Island Investment Company, Bank of Montreal Chambers.

8 PER CENT. INTEREST, if you're not a hog, ought to be good enough for you on property advancing more rapidly than that in any other part of the city. That's the actual return in rents from a lot in rear of the Empress hotel, near Humboldt, at \$2,000; \$1250 cash, balance in 1 and 2 years. Island Investment Company, Bank of Montreal Chambers.

THOSE QUADRA STREET LOTS on the half-mile radius—don't forget them when looking for an investment. Only a few left; 4 sold yesterday. Price \$400 each, easy terms. Island Investment Company, Bank of Montreal Chambers.

FIRST CLASS HOME or investment bargain, Dundas street, 6 room house, new, basement, piped for furnace, choice lot, \$2800. Terms to suit purchaser. Mitchell & Greenwood, 575 Yates street.

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HOUSEKEEPING AND BEDROOMS—628 Humboldt St., opp. Empress hotel.

WANTED—Two boys to learn boiler-making and two boys to learn iron and brass moulding. Apply Victoria Machinery Depot Co., Ltd.

BOX MATTRESSES and bedsteads cheap at Kerr's, 719 Yates.

TO LET—Furnished house, Esquimalt road, near greenhouse. Apply Mrs. Hunt, on premises.

EXCHANGE your book after reading, at 715 Fort St. Hundreds of new books.

GENT'S CYCLE—in good condition, with coaster brake and cushion frame, for \$10, at 742 Fort street.

TOOL GRINDING AND SAW FILING, gumming, etc. H. M. Wilson, 614 Cormorant street.

JUST ARRIVED—Suitable for presents, English Parasol Handles. Waites Bros. 611 Fort street.

THE CHEAPEST YET—Good level building lot, Craigflower road, just outside city limits. No city taxes to pay. Esquimalt water. Assessed \$500; will sell \$500. Box 555.

A SNAP—New 6 roomed house, cement foundation, piped for furnace, burlap, two toilets and all modern improvements, on large lot. Will take \$3,000 before Christmas. Terms. Apply owner, P. O. Drawer 573.

WANTED—At once, a man in each locality to buy furs, hides and pelts. Capital furnished. Address Jas. J. Phelps, 715 Yesterway, Seattle, Wash.

A MALE STENOGRAPHER, who can read his notes and keep his fingers awake on a Remington machine, will find a good job at Canadian Pacific Oil Co. of B. C., Ltd., 638 View St.

LOT FOR SALE CHEAP—\$25, on easy terms, buys a corner lot on Denman street; 5 minutes' walk from terminus of Spring Ridge car line; adjoining lots sold for \$500 each. Apply owner, 1141 North Park street, or telephone 1332.

FOR SALE—A range, almost new; a bargain. 367 Fort St.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—Fifty hens and pullets, just commencing to lay; also one hundred and twenty egg incubator in good shape. Apply to 2541 Fernwood Road, or phone 1303.

YOU CAN MAKE SOME MONEY on this: Lot, 60 x 130, with 6 room cottage, on Pandora Ave., next to Methodist church, only \$2,500. The lot alone is worth \$4,000. Only one buyer can get it, so you'll have to hurry. T. P. McConnell, Cor. Govt. and Fort Sts., upstairs.

LARGE FRONT ROOM, suitable for two, to let with good board; all modern conveniences. 59 Menzies street.

LOST—On St. Charles street or Rockland avenue, large mitt. Reward if returned to Barnard & Robertson, 511 Fort street.

PERSONAL.

LONDON HIGHGATE. "X. T. V.": Leave Bristol; purchased "The Queen" Illustrated; leave U.S.A.; "Daily Mail"; "batch despatch, etc."; passing Chicago; "T" whippet then for Vancouver, Colorado; "Black & White" 1907; (Other girls!!); leave Canada via New York; 11; "Brinses"; "Sturdy"; Royal Magazine; Dec., 1906, and Jan., 1907 (volume 20); also London Sketch (as follower?); 19th May, 1908; "Punch"; 19th Feb. last; James Island way or Ladysmith? Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the matter of an application for Duplicate Certificates of Title to Subdivisions 7, 8, 15 and 16 of Lot 121A; Lots 16 and 18, Block 7; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 6, Church Reserve, and Lots 1185 and 1186, Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue Duplicate Certificates of Title to above Lots—issued to Wynand Thomas Ogilvy Hamley, on the 22nd November, 1871; 11th December, 1873; 27th March, 1877; 9th May, 1883; 14th February, 1884 and 22nd March, 1885, and numbered 251A, 260A, 1914A, 4674A, 6260A, and 6269A respectively.

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IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

Sir F. Borden, R. F. Borden and Henri Bourassa Speak at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia and Defence, R. L. Borden, Conservative leader, and Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, were among the speakers at the annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association last night, and some interesting references were made to the question of Imperial defence.

Sir Frederick Borden declared that the time had come when Canada, as a self-respecting nation, should depend upon itself and not altogether depend on the mother country.

R. L. Borden, while agreeing that Canada should do its duty in this respect, declared that whatever form Canada's contribution took, the work should be carried out so that when the emergency came the Canadian forces would be ready to act before the crisis was over.

Henri Bourassa made a characteristic speech, declaring that the question should be regarded from a Canadian standpoint. He declared that they should pause before adopting any new principles to the constitution of the Empire in the line of military or naval defence, so that they might thoroughly realize their consequences.

Mr. Bourassa declared amid applause that the French-Canadians would look at the question from the same point of view as their Anglo-Saxon fellow-citizens, and would be guided by the principles that had led them to join Canada for the Empire against Anglo-Saxon rebels to the south of the border. But if Canada was to take part in the wars of the Empire it was necessary that she should have some voice not only in the settlement of such wars, but in the making of them. All the problems, thus presented, he contended, must be viewed from the true spirit of Canadianism, and the voice of the people should be heard before parliament settled the question.

ARODE IN A SHOP.

In a shop situated in the main street of Leicester, a man has for seven weeks past taken up his abode. It is in a fancy basket hanging from the ceiling, and at times it will settle on the counter and feed from the hands of the shop assistants.

NOTICE.

Subscribers of the Victoria Daily Times are requested to pay their subscriptions to the collector, and not at the office.

**RESTURER GETS ENDS
OF BROKEN CABLE**

Repairs to Line Not Yet Completed—Serious Inconvenience.

Yesterday the cable steamer Restorer, Capt. Combe, succeeded in securing the ends of the broken cable of the B. C. Telephone Company, between this city and San Juan Island, but up to the time of going to press the repairs had not been completed. The break has caused a good deal of disturbance to business in the city, and the Times has been seriously inconvenienced in getting news from outside, as one of the ends of the cable has been used exclusively by this paper for some time.

The cable has four cores. One of these is used by the Times in connection with their news service which is received from the United Press Association; another is used by the B. C. Telephone Company for its mainland connection; a third is leased to F. Stevenson & Co. for the stock quotations, and the other the Western Union Telegraph Co. use. The floor of the straits is very uneven where the cable is laid, and consequently the cable is more likely to be cut. On the other hand it is the most direct route to the mainland.

The break occurred about four miles off Telegraph Bay.

**YOUTHS STEAL SOME
CHRISTMAS POULTRY**

Store Looted, But Constable Fry Rescues the Plunder.

A representative of P. Burns & Co. called at the police station this morning to complain that the store had been broken into last night, and two turkeys and three ducks stolen. He was surprised to see that the dead birds had arrived at the station before him, and that two youths were in the cells waiting the appearance of the magistrate to hear charges of theft that had been recorded against them.

Constable Fry while on duty early this morning saw a lad with his hands full of poultry running for a car in the vicinity of P. Burns & Co.'s store. He directed the young man's steps towards the city hall, and discovered that another turkey could be obtained by going to a certain house. Constable Fry found the second turkey on the veranda of a house, and brought it back to the police station with another youth. These youths were charged in the police court this morning, but one being under sixteen years of age the case was remanded until to-morrow, so the boys' parents can be present in court.

VIEW BODY OF KING.

Large Crowds Flock to Royal Palace in Brussels.

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Arrangements for the funeral of the late King Leopold and the swearing in of the new sovereign are proceeding rapidly. An army of workmen has taken possession of the cathedral, which is being draped, and the arrangements are being made for Thursday, when Albert will triumphantly enter Brussels on horseback. Delegations are arriving from all the European courts.

A vast crowd yesterday viewed the body of the late King. Many of the people who came in from the provinces were licensed that the gates were closed at 3 o'clock, and they tried to force an entrance. In the panic people were trodden on, garments were torn and women fainted. A number were injured. Finally the palace was responded and the visitors were allowed to file past the catafalque.

Prince Albert's plan to reunite the exiled and separated family was fulfilled yesterday. As Baroness Vaughn passed out for ever from Belgian life, Princess Louise triumphantly entered the city, and was officially greeted at the station and proclaimed by the people. She was conducted with royal honors to the chateau Bellevue, which henceforth will be her official home.

PEARY TALKS.

Comments on Finding of Copenhagen Committee Which Investigated Claims of Explorer Cook.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—When shown to-day's dispatch from Copenhagen regarding the rejection of Cook's claims, Commander Peary said: "Three months ago from Labrador I sounded an explicit and deliberately worded warning to the world, based upon complete, accurate information regarding the claims of Dr. Cook. In doing so I accepted the responsibility devolving on me and fulfilled my duty to the world and to myself."

Bridgman's Views.
Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 21.—"Well, I am glad the Danes have found rottenness in Denmark anyway," thus Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, commented on the action of Copenhagen Scientists in rejecting Cook's claims to the discovery of the north pole. Bridgman declared that the former friendliness of the Danes for Dr. Cook precluded all possibility of being unfair in their decision.

TWO MAY DIE.

Over Score of Persons Sustain Injuries in Fires at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—Two men were probably fatally burned, and twenty persons overcome by smoke in two early morning fires to-day. At one of the fires two women and eight small children were carried unconscious down long ladders to the street.

**FOR FESTIVAL
OF EMPIRE**

GREAT PAGEANT IN
LONDON NEXT YEAR

All the Colonies to Be Invited to Send Representatives.

The following letter, a subjoined comment which appeared in a recent issue of the London Daily Telegraph is fully explanatory of the "Festival of Empire" which it is proposed to hold in England next summer:

Sir—The arrangements which have been in progress for upwards of a year are now completed, and the whole of the Crystal Palace and its extensive grounds of more than 200 acres have been taken over by the council of the Festival of Empire for the summer months of next year. I shall be deeply grateful for your assistance in bringing before the public the general scope of the festival.

It will be the occasion, in which we feel sure that every Briton will be keenly interested, of a social gathering in England of our fellow-subjects of the British Empire from the different dominions across the seas, and it is hoped that the result will be far-reaching in its effect, and of real value in increasing our mutual understanding and goodwill, and thus in more firmly welding the bonds of the Empire.

There will be an important educational side to the festival, with interesting representations of the various aspects of scenery, life, and industries in the different countries, and, as a central feature, produced with special regard to dignity and to beauty, a cycle of pageants showing the history of London, the "heart" of the Empire. Already the Overseas Dominions have evinced keen interest in the project, and contingents from each of the countries under the Crown have been invited, the organization abroad being represented by their Excellencies the Viceroy of India and the Countess of Minto, their Excellencies the Governor-General of Canada and the Countess Grey, their Excellencies the Governor-General of Australia and the Countess of Dudley, his Excellency the Governor of New Zealand and the Lady Plunket, his Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland and Lady Williams, his Excellency the High Commissioner of South Africa and the Countess of Selbourne.

In conclusion, I may add that any profits which may accrue will be devoted to King Edward VII's Hospital Fund.—Yours faithfully,

PLYMOUTH, Chairman of the council. One idea seemed to have dominated those responsible for the interesting scheme outlined in the above letter—the education of the masses to an appreciation of the real meaning of Empire. It has been felt that too little is known at home of our colonies, of their work, their life, their possibilities. Beyond an occasional exhibition of the products of a few of our dependencies nothing exists to show the people of this country the real life of those who have elected to emigrate. A true knowledge is essential to a proper understanding, and it is hoped that, with a correct insight into the lives of our brethren beyond the seas, a closer intimacy with them will be established, making not only for individual good, but tending to widen the scope of national aspiration, and adding to the sense of national responsibilities. Thus the scheme has already attracted a very large measure of influential support, and in the course of a few days other names will be asked, testifying to the interest with which it is regarded. The numerous courts of the Crystal Palace are to be converted into independent exhibitions of all the colonies. These are to be no mere collections of products, but are to be so arranged and so conducted as to give, as far as possible, local color in every case. For each colony is to endeavor to show not only its natural wealth, but its industries and what it has achieved for those who have elected to dwell therein. With this object, each Governor-General has acted as the head of the working committee entrusted with the carrying out of the details of the scheme. Two hundred residents will be chosen from each of our dependencies, and these will be brought over to take part in the cycle of pageants which are to be the main feature of the festival. The expenses will naturally be very heavy, but a guarantee fund of 150,000 against loss has already been promised. The Duke of Norfolk, Lord Avebury, Lord Brougham, Lord Roberts, and Lord Strathcona have shown a keen interest in the undertaking, and it is hoped official recognition will be forthcoming from each colony represented in the form of a financial grant.

The Crystal Palace has been hired for three months, and it is hoped the festival will begin on May 24th, 1909, amateurs will take part in the pageant, which is to describe the history of London—the heart of the Empire—from its earliest days to the present time. The story will be told in three parts, the arrangements being entrusted to Mr. Frank Lascelles, who will in all probability follow on the lines he adopted on the occasion of the Quebec festival (tenary pageant). Adjoining each section of the exhibition there will be a court of the products of the colonies, to be requisitioned to display the manifold items of interest in the lives of the colonists. There will be portraits of Empire builders, founders, and colonial statesmen, whilst to increase the educational value of the festival, lectures by prominent men will be delivered regularly in the various sections, attendance at which is to be free. A notable feature of the undertaking is to be the moderate price of admission. The exact amount has not yet been fixed, but it is to be sufficiently low to be within the reach of all. That any profits which may result from the festival will go to King Edward's Hospital Fund will undoubtedly add to the pleasure with which it will be attended.

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	Hams (B. C.), per lb.	25		Middlings, per ton	32.00
	Bacon (American), per lb.	30		Iran, per ton	30.00
	Bacon (long clear), per lb.	30		Ground Feed, per ton	25.00
	Pork, per lb.	12.00		Shorts	22.00
	Mutton, per lb.	12.00		Poultry—	
	Lamb, hindquarter	1.00		Dressed Fowl, per lb.	25.00
	Lamb, forequarter	1.25		Ducks, per lb.	25.00
	Veal, per lb.	1.50		Geese (Island), per lb.	20.00
	Suet, per lb.	15		Garden Produce—	
Farm Produce—				Cabbage, per lb.	3
	Fresh Island Eggs	70		Potatoes (local)	1.00
	Butter (Creamery)	45		Onions, per lb.	1.00
	Lard, per lb.	20		Carrots, per lb.	3
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	Purity, per bbl.	7.75		Lemons	5.00
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	Three Star Patent, per bbl.	7.75		Walnuts (Eastern)	15.00
Hungarian Flour—				Cocanuts, each	10
	Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	2.00		Bacon	20
	Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	7.75		Carrots, per lb.	3
	Lake of Woods, per sack	2.00		Bananas, per lb.	4
	Lake of Woods, per bbl.	7.75		Potatoes (local), per ton	15.00
	Okanagan, per sack	2.00		Butter (Creamery)	30.00
	Okanagan, per bbl.	7.75		Butter (Dairy)	25.00
	Calgary Hungarian, per sack	2.00		Eggs (fresh), per doz.	45
	Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.	7.75		Oats, per ton	27.00
	Excelsior, per sack	2.00		Hay, per ton	20.00
	Excelsior, per bbl.	7.75		Corn, per ton	45.00
	Oak Lake, per sack	2.00		Grape Fruit	35.00
	Oak Lake, per bbl.	7.75		Tomatoes (local), hothouse	2.00
	Hudson's Bay, per sack	2.00		Watercress, per doz.	1.00
	Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	7.75		Green Onions, per doz.	25
	Enderby, per sack	2.00		Radish, per doz.	30
	Enderby, per bbl.	7.75		Cauliflowers, per doz.	1.75
Pasture Flour—				Cauliflowers, per doz.	1.75
	Snowflake, per sack	1.50		Onions (local), per lb.	15
	Snowflake, per bbl.	7.25		Navel Oranges	1.50
	O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	1.70		Pears (local)	1.00
	O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl.	6.50		Apples, per box	2.00
	O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.70		Cranberries (New Jersey), bbl.	15.00
	O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	6.50		Cranberries (local), per bbl.	8.00
	Drifted Snow, per sack	1.50		Garlic, per lb.	10
	Drifted Snow, per bbl.	6.50		Celery	25
Grain—				Figs (Cal.), per package	1.00
	Wheat, chicken feed, per ton	50.00		Figs (Smyrna), boxes	1.00
	Wheat, per lb.	25		Figs (Smyrna), per doz.	1.50
	Barley	35		Potatoes (local)	1.00
	Whole Corn	38.00		Paraffin, per box	2.00
	Cracked Corn	40.00		Malaga Raisins, 22 lbs.	2.50
	Roller Oats (B. & K.), 5-lb. sk.	45		Oranges (Tangerine), per box	2.50
	Roller Oats (B. & K.), 25-lb. sk.	1.00		Pineapples, per doz.	4.00
	Roller Oats (B. & K.), 40-lb. sk.	1.50			
	Roller Oats (B. & K.), 50-lb. sk.	4.50			

THE TIMES HAS THE NEWS

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LADIES' BOX CALF LACED BOOTS, heavy soles, blucher cut. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00. Bankrupt price \$1.90	YOUTHS' SOLID LEATHER SCHOOL BOOTS, sizes 11 to 13. Regular \$1.90 to \$2.25. Bankrupt price \$1.45
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VICTORIA TOO BIG FOR ONE LINE CITY

Manager Nicholson Says Company Contemplates Steamer on Triangular Run.

"Victoria is too big to be any longer a one-line town, and Vancouver Island is too big to be a one-line island. The Grand Trunk intend to run their steamers out of Victoria, and they want the support of the people of Victoria. They believe that Victoria is now too big to be given the go-by and they do not want to do this. They are intending to run steamers up the coast from Victoria and they also are considering the advisability of putting steamers on the triangular run." This was the statement made this afternoon to a Times reporter by Captain C. H. Nicholson, of the Grand Trunk, when seen at the Empress hotel.

"We have already two steamers being built," continued the captain. "These are the Prince Rupert and the Prince George. We are also negotiating for a third steamer, the Bruno, a passenger and freight vessel now running out of Hull between England and the Netherlands. If the deal goes through she will be brought here at once and will be ready for service in the spring."

Speaking further of their plans Captain Nicholson said that Victoria harbor was not very large, and up to this time it had been practically monopolized by one company. The people, would, however, have to accustom themselves to being a little crowded. If there was not much room to-day, he asked, how would they manage when the business of the port increased five hundred times, as it was bound to do? There must be some little inconvenience felt as the waterfront became used, and it was useless to growl or try to say that people were not to come on that account.

"The Grand Trunk people want to do business with Victoria," he said. "They want a dock here, for without that they cannot possibly come. It seems very small to let one company have the say as to whether or not they shall have it."

Capt. Nicholson has been on this coast only a few days. He came over to Victoria last night and after going south for a few days he expects to be back here again to meet E. J. Chamberlin, vice-president and general manager for the firm. All the officials who are at present here will then meet to confer on the company's policy. Then Capt. Nicholson says he hopes to stay long enough to get acquainted with the people with whom he has to do business.

Capt. Nicholson is an intensely practical man. He is full of energy, and has a good deal of personal magnetism. He is a self-made man, having worked his way up from the very lowest position in steamboating. For fifteen years he served as master on the great lakes, later becoming general passenger and freight agent for the Lake Ontario & Bay of Quinte Steamship Company, of Kingston, Ont. He later became American manager for the same company

at Rochester, resigning to take the position of general manager of the Muskoka Lakes Navigation & Hotel Company. In 1901 he became general manager of the Northern Navigation Co., which position he held until he was appointed to his present position as general manager of the G. T. P. steamship services.

FURTHER DEALS IN THE REALTY MARKET

Good Sized Transaction in Victoria West—Enquiries From Outsiders.

The local real estate situation continues to show a healthy activity and deals are now an everyday commonplace development. It is believed that with the passing of the holiday season and the advent of the many investors from the northwest, a still livelier tone will be imparted to the market.

Captain J. W. Gidley reports the sale of a large block of land in Victoria West, which will be utilized as business premises. This property is nearly an acre in extent and lies between Russell street and the E. & N. railway tracks. The price involved in the transaction has not been made public. It is said that the property will be used for the erection of coal bunkers.

Messrs. Harman & Appleton report the sale of a large block on the Mount Talmie road. This was acquired by outside investors, and there is an increasing number of inquiries from such sources. The same firm reports the sale of a choice Pandora street property, but they decline to give particulars. They say that the prospects are excellent for a big movement in real estate.

The piece of property on the corner of Gordon and Humboldt street, which belonged to the Badminton Club estate, which was reported sold in yesterday's Times, has been acquired by a syndicate of Union Club members, who have given the directors of the club an option for one year. At the expiration of that period a new club building may be erected on the site.

J. Leckie & Co., wholesale shoe merchants, of Vancouver, are said to have acquired a forty-foot frontage on Port street, next to Assembly hall, for the purpose of erecting a branch factory and store in this city. This piece of property was sold about a week ago to C. Berkely for \$5,000, who resold it two days ago to T. D. Veitch, of the Royal bank. Mr. Veitch sold to E. S. Smith, and the latter to Leckie & Co. at a very great advance over the original figure.

Thomas G. Dundas and Mrs. Dundas, of Shawinigan Lake, are guests in the city.

The nucleus of the British museum collection was bought by the nation for \$100,000.

WEST COAST INDIAN FREE ON HABEAS CORPUS

Irregularities in the Court Proceedings Are the Cause.

George Syc, a West Coast Indian, who is serving a sentence of three months in the provincial jail here, is to be released because of technical irregularities in the proceedings which took place.

Syc was tried at Claydon on November 24th, on a charge of stealing 174 feet of one-inch pipe and a one-inch valve from the Sutton Timber & Trading Co., of Mosquito Harbor, and pleaded guilty.

Some three weeks ago R. C. Lowe, acting for Syc, applied for a writ of habeas corpus, but was countered by the Crown. H. D. Helmecken, K.C., acting for the Attorney-General, got a writ of certiorari and the documents have arrived.

This morning, before Chief Justice Hunter, Mr. Helmecken said the prisoner had not been given the chance to elect how he would be tried, and there was nothing for it but to let him go, without costs of these proceedings, however.

Mr. Lowe cited the law on the point of costs and the chief justice held with him that the Crown must bear the costs.

DONEGAN CANNOT GET HIGHER COSTS

County Court Scale Will Have to Satisfy Him in His Suit.

J. A. Aikman, on behalf of James Donegan, who was awarded damages to the extent of \$24 against the city, applied to Judge Lampman this morning for costs on a higher scale than the county court rules allow.

He contended that the case was one for higher fees than would follow a judgment for the amount given. If the case had been taken in the Supreme court the same sum would have carried costs on a scale higher than the highest county court scale. The case was one of importance to the public.

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PESCAWA LEAVING.

Signing Crew With Purpose of Leaving Day After Christmas.

Most of the men have been signed on the sealing schooner Pescawa, and the present plan is to leave port the day after Christmas Day. It is probable that the schooner will go as far south as Southern California, or even the coast of Mexico.

LARGE VESSELS DOCK EASILY IN HARBOR

Chemical Company's Wharf Proves Ready of Approach.

The steamer Bessie Dollar, unloading at the docks of the chemical company, expects to leave this afternoon. She has sulphur for the chemical works at Barnett and the powder works at Nanaimo.

The successful docking at the Inner Harbor wharf of the chemical company here has been the subject of most favorable comments as to the suitability of that part of Victoria harbor to handle deep sea shipping as well as the coasting trade.

The Bessie Dollar found no difficulty in entering that part of the harbor. After coming up to the new dock of the chemical company, it was decided to reverse the steamer and point her bow outwards. With abundance of water off the dock the vessel was swung round under her own steam under Pilot Cox. In this connection the report that two other pilots were aboard at the time she entered, is contradicted. The vessel was brought in with ease in the usual way.

LAST VOYAGE.

Another Windjammer to Be Converted Into Barge for Atlantic Trade.

The last voyage of an old-time American square-rigger was completed at New York a few days ago, when the ship Joseph B. Thomas arrived from Tacoma. She is soon to be converted into a coal barge. Appropriately she brought material for possible successors, her cargo consisting of ships' spars, square timber and plank from the Pacific Coast.

The sea was not kind to the vessel on her farewell trip. They departed her of her figurehead in a heavy gale which she encountered after passing Hatteras. She was built at Thomaston, Me., in 1881.

Saving out sections of the skull in order to give the brain room to develop symmetrically seems a rather delicate and dangerous operation, but it is one that has on several occasions been performed with perfect success.

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SALMON PACK ON THE COAST

REPORTS COVERING WATERS OF PACIFIC

Estimate Made by Those Qualified to Judge of Total Cases Put Up.

A dispatch from Vancouver says the total salmon pack of British Columbia for the year was 967,200 cases, according to official figures made up to-day. The total sockeye pack was 840,441, made up in districts as follows:

Fraser river 542,248
Skeena 87,901
Nass river 89,021
Naas river 28,246
Outlying districts 127,974

C. H. Buschmann, general superintendent of the Northwestern Fisheries Company, Seattle, Wash., reports the 1909 pack of the company's eight canneries in Alaska in cases of forty-eight rounds to the case as follows: Red 205,324, Kings, 4,838, medium reds 2,229, pinks 94,097, chums 5,572. Total 311,173 cases.

The 1909 pack of the Selkirk Cannery was 28,200 cases.

The Pacific American Fisheries, Bellingham, Wash., reports the 1909 pack of its cannery at Excursion Inlet, Alaska, in cases of 48 lbs. to the case: Sockeyes 28,000, cohoes 750, pinks 2,500, chums 6,500. Total 55,000 cases all in 1-lb. tins.

The Columbia River Packers' Association, Astoria, Oregon, reports the 1909 pack of its cannery at Nushagak, Alaska, as follows in cases of 48 lbs. to the case: Kings 4,473, reds 37,651, medium reds 459, pinks 4,113. Total 48,500 cases, all in 1-lb. tins.

George T. Myer & Co., Seattle, Wash., reports the 1909 pack of its cannery at Chatham, Alaska, as follows in cases of 48 lbs. to the case: Red 205,324, Kings 4,838, medium reds 2,229, pinks 94,097, chums 5,572. Total 311,173 cases, all in 1-lb. tins.

The Alaska Fish Packing Company, Astoria, Oregon, reports the 1909 pack of its cannery at Bristol Bay, Alaska, as follows in cases of 48 lbs. to the case: Kings 4,838, reds 40,225, pinks 4,484. Total 49,547, all in 1-lb. tins.

The Alaska-Portland Packers' Association, Portland, Oregon, reports the 1909 pack of its cannery at Nushagak, Alaska, as follows in cases of 48 lbs. to the case: Kings 4,473, reds 37,651, medium reds 459, pinks 4,113. Total 48,500 cases, all in 1-lb. tins.

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ARRANGING PATROL FOR WEST COAST TRAIL

Engineer Killen Working Out Plan to Use Newly Constructed Road.

Arrangements are being made to patrol the new west coast trail so that should a wreck occur it may be offered as quickly as possible. The trail was built with the purpose of using it for life saving purposes. The country was very rough, and the construction was carried on with the greatest difficulty. Now that the part from Banfield to Shelter Bight has been completed it is to be utilized at once for the purpose for which it was intended.

The boat house for the life-saving station is being located in Pachena Bay, and there are fifteen men still working in the neighborhood who would be available at any time should their services be needed. Engineer Killen has the arrangements in hand.

Steamer Newington left this morning to attend to the buoys in the Gulf of Georgia. She will visit the Gabriola beacon, and the light at Point Grey.

FISHING TUG AFIRE.

Ice Impedes Escape of Burning Craft From Hazardous Position.

The fishing tug Penelope of Cleveland burned Sunday afternoon four miles off shore at Loraine, Ohio. The crew of three escaped after a battle with ice floes which almost cost them their lives.

The boat, which belonged to A. H. Langwell, of Cleveland, was bound for its winter quarters at St. Clair, Mich. This afternoon Capt. Charles Inghes discovered fire in the woodwork above the engine room and in only a few moments his position and that of the engine and fireman became untenable.

While they were endeavoring to cast loose the larger of the two yawls, the yawl caught fire. The men were forced to take refuge in the other, a smaller one. The sides of the tug were in flames before they launched their little craft. They had no time to don extra clothing and as the day was one of the coldest of the winter, the men's oars and beards were crusted with ice before they had gone a mile. Two miles off shore they encountered shore ice too thin to bear their weight but thick enough to impede the progress of the boat. Through this they were compelled to break their way.

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

From the Orient.

Vessel Date

Manila Maru Jan. 15

Empress of Japan Jan. 21

From Australia.

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From Mexico.

Dec. 29

From Liverpool.

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TO SAIL.

For the Orient.

Dec. 28

For Australia.

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COASTWISE STEAMERS.

TO ARRIVE.

From San Francisco.

Dec. 24

From Skagway.

Dec. 22

From Northern B. C. Ports.

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St. Denis Dec. 21

Vado Dec. 28

From West Coast.

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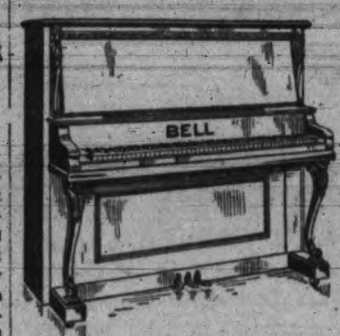
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WEEKLY REVIEW OF CHARTER MARKET

Withdrawal of Union Rate. Likely to Have Stimulating Effect.

It is particularly noticeable that all the latest ships to arrive on the coast are either chartered before arrival or within a very short time after they have been in the harbor. Once a vessel gets relegated to the disengaged list, however, it seems doomed to be there a long time.

The following is the weekly review of the charter market as given by the San Francisco Commercial News: One barley charter was made during the past week at 15s. the only other announcement being the Ville du Havre, to load barley at this port at the union rate, which fixture was done two months ago. The International Sailing Ship Owners' Union has withdrawn its minimum freight rate for grain ships, taking effect immediately and lasting until next July. In view of this fact and that barley stocks are considerably in excess of last year at this time, there are likely to be some further charters. According to the report of stocks of grain in the state on December 1st, 1909, according to a northern exporter, the price of wheat is too high to export it even with a reasonable figure for vessels. The fact that there has been a break in the union rates will not stimulate the charter markets so far as this coast and grain are concerned, for the original cost of the wheat makes it impossible to ship even at low freight rates to other countries.

Lumber chartering continues rather quiet, with few fixtures of importance to record. Puget Sound, to two ports on the West Coast, has been done at \$2.50 a ton, a low figure; Puget Sound to Callao has been done at 39s. also a reduction; Eureka to Altata, a small vessel, has been done at \$7.50; Eureka to United Kingdom has been done at private terms, understood to be a very low figure; Portland to Shanghai, spring tending, has been done at 4s. 6d. gross register. Coastwise charters remain steady at 14 and 14.50.

Offshore lumber rates are quoted as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 30s. 6d.; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 35s. 6d.; Port Pirie, 35s. 6d.; to Fremantle, 35s. 6d.; to Japan ports (steamers), 30s. 6d.; to Callao, 35s. 6d.; to low figure; Puget Sound to South Africa ports, 32s. 6d.; to U. K. Continent, 35s. 6d.; to Guaymas, 45s. 6d.; to Mazatlan, 45s. 6d.; to Santa Rosalia, 45s. 6d.; to Honolulu, 45s. 6d.

The time used in Pacific Standard, for the 12th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the mean to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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Excursions TO Vancouver and Seattle

California Oil World

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TAFY, Dec. 8.—The Canadian Pacific Oil Company of British Columbia, backed by some of the wealthiest men of Victoria and Vancouver, is getting ready to spend in on the northwest quarter of section 13-23, one mile east of the Santa Fe river, section 4, and one half mile southeast of the great St. Lawrence well on section 5. This company has already \$25,000 worth of equipment on its loan, at St. Louis, the well known successful operator of steam river, has complete charge of the affairs of this company both in the matter of development and the purchasing of properties. It is very fortunate that these newcomers to the California oil fields secured such a choice location to make their start. They thus have assurance of making good.

The company has also purchased outright fifty acres of land on section 14-24-25, containing which they propose developing. This is proven land.

Mr. Dyer is now negotiating to purchase a large tract on the West side of the river.

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Lt.-Col. Carey Here to Spend
Christmas With His
Father.

A son of Victoria who has gained honor for himself and his native city in revisiting the capital in the person of Lieut.-Col. H. C. Carey, R. E., of Dublin, who will spend Christmas with his father, ex-Mayor Joseph W. Carey, 2842 Douglas street, Lieut.-Col. Carey is accompanied by Mrs. Carey and Miss Inez Carey.

Lieut.-Colonel Carey has served as an officer of engineers on many stations since leaving Victoria. He went first to Chatham, and served at Shorness, and then to Bermuda, where he spent some years on the West Indies station before proceeding to the Hongkong station, where he remained for three years, returning to England in 1899, just prior to the Boer outbreak, in which some members of his company were fortunate enough to serve. He served for seven years on the engineer staff at the war office, going from there to Dublin Castle, where he is in command of the Royal Engineers in the Dublin district, extending across the midland counties to Galway. Lieut.-Colonel Carey will return to Dublin from here.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

One of the most pleasing numbers that has appeared on a local vaudeville programme in months is at the Pantages this week, "The Barnstormer," a happy mixture of witty conversation, funny situation, good singing and dancing, is certainly an all-right creation. Moore and St. Claire present "The Barnstormer," which is the whole answer as to why the act is such a big success.

Misses Jennifer and George, the one a very talented violinist, the other a vocalist of extraordinary quality, appear as Spanish maids of the woods, and while there is no need of these young ladies seeking assistance from scene surroundings or costumes, as their natural musical talent will carry them through on any bill, the effects mentioned are pleasing.

Fred Edwards, in Italian character, talking and singing, is different from most others attempting the Dago talk, in that Edwards is good.

Barnum, Gabriel and company, with a comedy musical sketch; Arthur Elwell, in new and illustrated melody, and a very laughable series of moving pictures, complete a show that should attract everyone.

Ladies and gentlemen who are appreciative of the work of Local Option thus far and can assist financially to clear off \$400, are asked to send contributions to Dr. Spencer, Plack block, Vancouver, or to Mr. Frampton, Mahon block, Victoria, B. C.

CABINET SAT TILL MIDNIGHT

MUCH BUSINESS FOR
EXECUTIVE ACTION

Prince Rupert to Get Aid to
Introduce Light-
ing.

The provincial cabinet spent a strenuous day yesterday. It was practically the first meeting of the ministers since the elections and a great amount of business had accumulated. In the effort to get as much out of the way as possible before the holidays there were sittings morning, afternoon and evening, and it was close on midnight before the "council meeting" broke up.

Prince Rupert bulked largely in the business before the council, as was natural, and several important matters were laid before the ministers by deputations from the northern city. Foremost among these was a request of an advance of \$50,000 to provide for the installation and equipment of an electric lighting plant. It was decided to grant this request, the details to be arranged by the Minister of Public Works with the members of the deputation. This loan will be amply secured, in the same way as the advances already made for sewer and water systems and plank sidewalks.

George R. Naden, formerly member for Greenwood, and now a resident of Prince Rupert, presented the city's application for a gift of a site upon which to erect municipal buildings. This will be given special consideration by the government at an early date.

It is understood that Prince Rupert will become an incorporated city at once, but that profiting by the experience in other places it will prefer to go along under the Municipal Clauses Act instead of seeking a special act. There is some possibility that the new city may adopt government by commission.

An appeal from the people of Hatzic Prairie for government aid towards constructing a dyke was considered and left in the hands of Hon. Mr. Cotton for investigation.

NICARAGUA'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Dr. Madriz, Zelaya's Candidate for Office, Is Unanimous Choice of Congress.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 21.—Dr. Jose Madriz, former judge of the Central American court of justice, and Zelaya's candidate, was yesterday elected president of Nicaragua by the unanimous vote of congress. The session was a stormy one, but there seemed to be perfect unanimity with regard to the election of Madriz, and when the official announcement was made there were cheers and cries of "Viva Madriz," "Viva Leon," "Down with Monopolies," "Down with Tyranny," "Long Live the Constitution."

He was escorted to the balcony of his hotel, where he greeted great crowds which had gathered around the building and made a brief speech urging harmony and co-operation. He pledged himself to uphold the principle of equal opportunity for all.

The election of Dr. Madriz as chief executive had been expected, for influential delegations strongly in his favor have been pouring into Managua from the strongholds of the Zelayans, Chinandega and Granada, and they came with the avowed purpose of carrying the candidacy of their man to victory.

Zelaya still exercises a strong power here, and while it was brought to his notice that Madriz is not looked upon with favor by the government of the United States, he urged Madriz to the front as his successor in his office.

CHARGE AGAINST COOK.

Astronomer Alleged Explorer Faked Picture of Flag at North Pole.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—That Dr. Frederick A. Cook had faked a picture of the flag he claimed to have planted at the North Pole, was the charge made by Dr. John A. Brasher, an astronomer connected with the University of Pittsburg. Had the flag been planted at the Pole Brasher declared it would have cast a long shadow, as the sun at that time was at an elevation of eight degrees. Cook's picture, he charged, showed no shadow.

WIND ON THE STOMACH

A Well Known Westerner Tells of Suffering, Misery and Pain That He Cured With "Nerviline."

"A few weeks ago I ate some green vegetables and some fruit that was not quite ripe. It first brought on a bit of indigestion, but unfortunately it developed into hiccoughs, accompanied by nausea and cramps. I was dreadfully ill for two days—my head ached and I belched gas continually, and I was unable to sleep at night. A neighbor happened in to see me and urged me to try Nerviline. Well, I wouldn't have believed that any preparation could help so quickly. I took half a teaspoonful of Nerviline in hot sweetened water, and my stomach felt better at once. I used Nerviline several times, and was completely restored."

The above is from a letter written by G. E. Braun, a well-known stockman and farmer near Lethbridge, Alta. Mr. Braun's favorable opinion of the high merit of Nerviline is shared by thousands of Canadians who have proved Nerviline is simply a marvel for cramps, hiccoughs, flatulence, nausea and stomach disorders. Set to use, guaranteed to cure—you can make no mistake. In keeping Nerviline for your family remedy. Large 25c. bottles; five for \$1.00. Sold everywhere, or The Catarrhose Co., Kingston, Ont.

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Strengthens
Nervine
Stomachs

SETTLERS WANT USE OF GOVERNMENT ENGINE

West Coast Residents Will
Make Proposition in the
Matter.

C. Christensen, of the Holberg colony on Quatsino Sound, is in the city yesterday he had a conference with Secretary McGaffey of the Development League, to whom he delivered the material for the matter in the league's forthcoming book on the north end of the Island.

The winter has been a very mild one for that portion of the Island, for although snow lay on the ground for a while it has now disappeared.

Mr. Christensen is much pleased with the advent of the donkey engine on the government roads of that section, and says that infinitely more is now accomplished by this method than formerly by more antiquated ones.

The settlers are anxious to make an arrangement with the government to use this engine for land clearing when it is not in use by the government road boss, and he is strongly hopeful that this concession will be granted.

CHINAMAN'S WILL.

New Westminster, Dec. 20.—Probate order has been granted by Mr. Justice Morrison in connection with the will of the late Law A. Yan, formerly one of the richest Chinese merchants on the Canadian coast, who died in Hongkong. Law A. Yan was the president of the firm of Ying Tai & Co., who carried on a large contracting and general merchant business in this city. He manifested a deep interest in the Chinese reform movement throughout Canada. Law A. Yan leaves his entire estate in this city, valued at \$55,000, to his brother, Law A. Yan.

CATARRH MUST GO

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Hyomel, pronounced High-o-mel will give the sufferer from catarrh joyful relief in five minutes. It is such a remarkable cure, and so positive in its action that D. E. Campbell goes so far as to guarantee it to cure catarrh or money back.

A complete outfit, which consists of a hard rubber pocket inhaler, a bottle of Hyomel, and a medicine dropper for filling the inhaler, only costs one dollar, and if an extra bottle is afterwards needed the price is only 50 cents.

Hyomel is a healing, antiseptic balsam, taken from the mighty eucalyptus trees in the health-giving forests of Australia, where diseases of the respiratory tract are unknown.

All the sufferer has to do is to inhale the antiseptic air of Hyomel over the inflamed parts where the germs are entrenched, three or four times a day. It cures coughs, colds, asthma, hay fever and croup without stomach dosing.

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Cures Dyspepsia.
Your money back if it doesn't. Gives immediate relief from heartburn, sour stomach, stomach distress and sick headache. 50 cents a large box at
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FATAL RACE FIGHT.

Three Men Killed and Six Wounded in
Conflict Between White Men
and Negroes.

Grand Can, La., Dec. 21.—Three men are dead and six seriously wounded as the result of a desperate battle between parties of white men and negroes near this city early yesterday. Troops have been summoned to guard against another outbreak.

The trouble started when John Allen, a white farmer, accused Belle Bower, negro, of stealing his hogs. Bower and his brother-in-law resented the accusation and opened fire on the white man. Bower and his kinsman were instantly killed when Allen and a party of friends returned the fire. Allen was fatally wounded and died an hour later.

Other negroes and whites who were drawn into the fight continued the battle for nearly an hour. Six who were wounded were negroes.

ESTABLISHED RECORD.

British Seventh Submarine Flotilla
Make Voyage From Portsmouth
and Dundee.

London Dec. 21.—A remarkable record for an open sea run by a submarine flotilla has just been achieved by the British seventh flotilla, in making a voyage from Portsmouth to Dundee, the new submarine base in the North Sea. Journeying via the Straits of Dover the flotilla, consisting of submarines C 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, ten vessels in all, reached Dundee in 16 hours' constant steaming, despite the heavy waves and rough water. The distance covered was 512 miles, and the average speed was 2.8 knots, which is believed to be a record for long-distance running.

HARRY THAW'S APPEAL.

Supreme Court of United States Refuse to Review Case of Slayer of White.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The door of the Supreme Court of the United States, Dec. 21.—Frank Smith, Harry Kendall Thaw. At the same time the door of the asylum for the criminal insane at Mattawan closed more tightly than ever before upon him.

Justice McKenna handed down a ruling in which the nation's highest tribunal refused to review his case. This was the close of one of the most stubborn of all the efforts of the slayer of Stanford White to gain his freedom.

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Gift pieces of unusual worth are offered—by far the finest collection we have ever offered. We list but a few here, and we invite you to make a tour of inspection—you won't regret it. Time for gift buying is short—come in to-day.

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A Serviceable Piece of Silver you should send to your own home. Always useful but doubly desirable in the winter season. The designs are of superior worth, the silver plate the very finest. Let us show you some interesting styles at \$15 to . . . \$8.00 | CARD RECEIVERS FROM \$3
CARD RECEIVERS for any lady who has a "day." And most of them have, so you'll be safe in sending one of these. The little prices should appeal to your purse. Don't imagine because the price is small that style is lacking, \$8 to . . . \$3.00 | FERN POTS FROM \$3.50
FERN POTS of more than ordinary worth, these. A fern in any sort of receptacle is attractive in the home, but put one in one of these and you have something that would grace any table or home. The best we have shown. Priced \$12 to . . . \$3.50 |
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BERRY DISHES—Always useful. It is only necessary to call attention to usual style to get you interested in these. Come in to-day and let us show you our new ones. Prices range at from \$10 to . . . \$4.00 | SANDWICH PLATES AT \$5.
SANDWICH PLATES—tasty little sandwiches still more palatable. At least these plates would. We have yet to see more attractive patterns—we don't think you have. You are safe in sending in one of these. Priced from \$9 to . . . \$5.00 | BUTTER DISHES FROM \$4
The newest designs—and many of them are shown here. The choice of prices is also broad and you'll find a gift of merit at the price you pay amongst these. We have them here ready for you, priced from \$10 to . . . \$4.00 |

SPECIAL VALUE—PAIR CUT GLASS SALTS, STERLING SPOONS, \$1.50.

Here is an ideal little gift at a little price and a special value. A dainty pair of open salt cellars with two sterling silver spoons, all in lined case, for \$1.50.

We know of no better value in silver and cut glass—know of no other gift at the price that can excel it. Just a sample value from a splendid stock of gift things to be found in this store.

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| MARMALADE JARS AT \$3.50
MARMALADE JARS—Of course the marmalade will taste better from one of these handsome jars. Don't let the "original package" disfigure the table—send home one of these. Or send to any of us. Priced from \$7.50 to \$3.50 | SPECIAL SPOON TRAY NEWEST THING, \$4.50
Here is the very newest thing in Spoon Trays—a handsome pierced silver design. A most attractive shape. Ideal as a gift piece and special value at this price . . . \$4.50 | CRUMB SETS FROM \$4
CRUMB SETS A Silver Crumb Set strikes us as being a desirable gift. An item that'll be used several times each and every day of this and many years for the silver is of the best—it'll wear—From \$50 to . . . \$4.00 |
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TEA TRAYS—How about a Tea Tray for some home-keeper? Serviceable and stylish—a gift bound to be appreciated by any married woman. We have just received some splendid styles. Prices range from \$20 to \$10 | CANDELABRA FROM \$12.50
CANDELABRA—We have never offered you a better assortment of these. For a woman who delights in an attractive "laid" table here is a gift suggestion of merit. Come and see these at from \$17.50 to . . . \$12.50 | CAKE BASKETS FROM \$4
CAKE BASKETS—The day of the cake basket is again dawning. And we are ready for the demand sure to come. The new arrivals are exceptionally fine. Send a cake basket—bound to be appreciated. From \$10 to \$4.00 |

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If you would get the best values and the best choice in that famous 1847 Rogers Bros.' Silverware, come to the headquarters for such lines. Our Silverware Department offers you a full range of this make, and there's an absence of "exclusive" prices. Look at the prices on the few lines listed here—you'll find them as low and in some cases lower than any quoted elsewhere in the city.

And remember, too, that these are the newest and best designs, and that this price includes a splendid Silk lined Case—a dainty gift package. Come and choose the gift where price and choice is best.

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| BERRY SPOONS —Nine beautiful patterns from which to choose, at \$2.50 and \$2.00 | CAKE FORK —Choose one of these as a gift. Each in lined case . . . \$1.50 |
| SOUP LADLES —Choose from the very newest ideas, in lined case, at . . . \$4.00 | OYSTER FORKS —Six of these in lined case, per set . . . \$3.00 |
| SUGAR SPOON AND BUTTER KNIFE , the two pieces in lined case, at \$2 and \$1.75 | PIE KNIVES —Several attractive patterns, each in lined case, at \$2.50 and \$2.00 |
| JELLY KNIVES —Some very handsome creations, each in lined case, at . . . \$1.50 | A. D. COFFEE SPOONS , set of 6 in lined case, many patterns. Per set . . . \$2.00 |
| CASSEROLES AT \$5 TO \$15
Here we offer you one of the best Christmas gifts of the season—to a homekeeper. Send one of these handsome and serviceable Casseroles and you'll send something that is sure to be appreciated. Such pieces are decidedly popular just now, and these are the handsomest that the largest silver-makers in the world produce. An excellent choice, priced at—
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5-piece sets, \$40 to . . . \$25 |

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STERLING SILVER was ever a popular line for holiday giving and the patterns are so attractive this season that we are selling more than ever before. We list here a few of our many offerings in sterling and the list discloses some admirable gift things.

Each piece is packed in an attractive package—all ready for mailing. You'll find these patterns are the latest word and you'll find the prices are low for such excellent pieces. Choose a gift from this list and it'll please.

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WILL ASK RATEPAYERS TO VOTE ON BY-LAW

Council Agrees to Give Land at Rear of the Empress Hotel.

At last evening's meeting of the city council a by-law granting a portion of land at the rear of the Empress hotel for theatre purposes was considered and given its first reading. The property is located at the northeast corner of Belleville and Douglas streets, with a frontage on both streets of 290 feet.

If the ratepayers approve of the by-law a company which is to be formed must covenant to commence work on the theatre within three months of the signing of the agreement and complete it within twelve months, the building to cost not less than \$100,000.

The building must be used as a theatre or opera house and the company must stipulate that subject to prior engagements the theatre may be used for public assemblies whenever required by the mayor; and the company must submit to the council from time to time the scale of charges for such use, which charges shall in no case exceed the cost of lighting, heating, cleaning, caretaking and superintendence for the time of use.

The by-law also provides that should the building be destroyed by fire and not replaced by another of equal value within a year the grant to the company of the site shall become null and void. The company to be formed will be composed of a number of prominent citizens and the theatre shall be known as the People's Opera House.

At the forthcoming elections also another important by-law is to be submitted to the ratepayers—this provides for the expenditure of \$174,000 for school purposes. The secretary of the school board wrote last night asking that an extraordinary appropriation be made. Of the amount stipulated \$150,000 is asked for the purchase of a site and the erection of a new high school building; \$14,000 for the lower grade, and \$10,000 for the erection of a frame school at the corner of Bank street and Leighton road, where a site was recently purchased.

Mayor Hall at last evening's meeting gave a brief resume of the business which had been transacted at the annual meeting of the Union of Municipalities last week, and as he had been absent when the resignation of C. H. Topp, the city engineer, had been received he took occasion to say that he regretted Mr. Topp's decision very much. He did not believe that that official had ever had a fair show, and he urged the board before the expiration of their term to see that the by-law was amended so that whoever succeeded Mr. Topp would have in charge of all the officials in his department.

A motion was passed appointing Assistant Engineer Bryson acting city engineer until such time as Mr. Topp's successor was named.

Walter Englehart was appointed to the permanent staff in the water commissioner's office.

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H. H. Blood Tells of Marvellous Industry and Fortunes it is Making.

"California has 4,500 miles of pipeline to carry its oil to tide-water," said H. H. Blood, the oil expert and field manager of the Canadian Pacific Oil Co., of B. C., Limited, to a Times reporter this morning. "For the past ten years the marketing companies have gone straight ahead, perfecting their plans looking to carrying off the petroleum output until to-day the state is fairly crisscrossed with pipe lines and more buildings. The lines now in operation if stretched out would reach across the continent and half way through the Atlantic ocean."

"California is producing \$8,000,000 more oil than gold now, and it has always borne the reputation of the Golden State. The official figures from the state mineralogist shows the output of gold for 1908 to be \$17,000,000, while the crude petroleum values were \$25,000,000. This year California will yield \$30,000,000 in petroleum values."

"The oil industry is young yet, although I have watched its growth and



H. H. BLOOD, The Noted Oil Man.

development from the day of 11-cent oil till the present hour, where it is selling on time contracts for 50 cents. This, of course, is for the lower grade, or crude oil, but a great deal of our California oil brings \$3 and 72 cents per barrel at the well.

"Having studied the conditions of the oil industry from its infancy, I am free to say I regard the properties of the Canadian Pacific Oil Co., of B. C., Limited, in California the equal if not the peer of anything in the entire state. In other words, I would not trade their holdings for anything I know of in all the various fields. It is indeed fortunate that this company has struck it so rich on its initial venture, and the men behind the enterprise are to be congratulated on their wisdom in selecting such valuable holdings. There is no more doubt that this corporation will get oil than there is that the mists and fog will lift before the radiant rays of a morning sun."

Mr. Blood will be in town several days as the guest of Andrew Grey, president of the Marine Iron Works, and also vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Oil Co., of B. C., Ltd.

HON. S. FISHER'S ADDRESS.

Speaks on Work on the International Agricultural Institute.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Hon. Sydney Fisher addressed the Canadian Club yesterday afternoon on the work of the international agricultural institute, of which he was elected vice-president at the recent meeting of the institute in Italy.

The minister of agriculture traced the organization which was established to carry on the work. It was decided, he said, that the institute should be one of governments, and not one of peoples, as it was recognized that in the past information on agricultural subjects and others relating to the important matter of food supply of the world had been given to people by a press which in its turn was supplied with information by interested parties, and the news given had been manipulated in the interests of stock jobbing and the raising of all commodity prices which was detrimental to the interests of those who depended on reliable knowledge of the matter. It was recognized as necessary, if

confidence was to be established in the information and work of the association, that it should be an institute of governments adhering, and that the only source of information should be through the statistical organizations of the various countries.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE "NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT" (BEING CHAPTER 115 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1906.)

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon part of and in front of lots 542A and 543A, Victoria City, in the Province aforesaid, with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, and a duplicate of each in the office of the Registrar-General of Titles at Victoria, British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof. Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 14th day of December, 1909.

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Worked for Three Hours When Flames Were Raging in Big Store.

London, Dec. 21.—Hon. John Burns, president of the local government board, assisted the firemen in subduing the flames in the big drapery store of Arding & Hobbs, at Clapham yesterday. The store, which covered an acre of ground and had five floors and a hundred departments, was a mass of ruins in little more than an hour. The damage is estimated at \$2,500,000.

Mr. Burns remained at the scene for three hours, and then attended a meeting of the electors of Battersea, and with his hand done up in a bandage, his clothing saturated with water, and his face begrimed with smoke, related his experiences, and asked the meeting to excuse him from making a speech.

The audience, after standing uncovered as a mark of condolence for the victims of the fire, dispersed with cheers for "Honest John."

FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE B. C. ELECTRIC

Explanatory Statement Published in the Standard of Empire.

The Standard of Empire (London), in its issue of December 2nd, had the following:

Without reference to politics of any kind, most good imperialists stand for the principle of progress as being one calculated to make for the progress of our own Empire. Such progress, in an age of fierce rivalry, demands the policy of treating our own kith and kin a little better than the stranger. Carping criticism, groundless hostility, are always to be deprecated. When directed by British subjects against British concerns and the development of British industry by means of British capital, such tactics are lamentable and inexplicably stupid. This is the unpatriotic kind of mischief-making which the unpatriotic efforts of public life. Unfortunately, public opinion seems less definitely condemnatory and more indifferent in the matter in England.

One of the most prosperous of British-Canadian concerns has recently been the victim of this kind of mischief-making in London, for what reason it would be hard to say, unless because of its unbroken progress and success. It has been stated, as though with the wish to weaken its popularity in the public mind, that there has been a great deal of "inside selling" of British Columbia Electric Railway stock. Our own information shows this to be entirely incorrect. The names of leading proprietors have been quoted, and quite wrongly quoted, as being the holders of the stock, and the suggestion has been made that there must be serious reasons for such sales.

As a fact, our investigations show that one of the gentlemen so named, the Hon. Mr. R. Gifford, a director, has not sold his shares, but has increased his holding; the Pearl Insurance Company (which has amalgamated with the Phoenix), has not sold, but still holds its stock; the late Mr. E. K. Sperling cannot have sold his stock for he has died, and his holding has passed to his trustees; a proportion of stock which passed into the name of the chairman, Mr. B. M. Horne-Payne, under the will of a relative, had to be realized under the terms of the will, and has for the most part been taken up by other members of the family—a noteworthy fact, this. The chairman's own extensive holding, so far from having been disposed of, has been transferred from his banker's name to his own, so that any acquirer may satisfy himself at an hour's notice about that.

Thus it will be seen that the mischievous suggestions made are utterly without foundation in fact. It is particularly curious that they should have been made at all at this particular juncture, when, according to our information from Canada, the railway is not only in as prosperous a position as ever, but upon the eve of further development of a remarkably profitable character.

PERPETUAL MOTION.

London Inventor Claims to Have Solved the Great Problem.

A. H. Maycock, a young London engineer, is the latest claimant to discovery of the great secret of perpetual motion. In his closely-guarded workshop Mr. Maycock showed part of the model of his machine—the product of "two years' hard work" in study and experimenting—without disclosing the actual secret.

All that may be said at present about the invention is that at the upper part of the machine there is a large aluminium drum fitted with an intricate system of planes, and at the lower part there is a fan, also of aluminium, of a new and exclusive design. The machine is comparatively noiseless, and from it the inventor claims to be able to obtain at least 20 horse power. It is largely constituted of aluminium, and when perfected is intended for adaptation to aeroplanes and motor cars.

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What Other People Think

AS TO VOTERS' LISTS.

To the Editor: A day or two ago a morning paper published a report of the annual meeting of the Property Owners' Association of our city, in which report occurred the rather amusing statement that owing to the efforts of this association the electoral lists of this city have been purified by the removal from these lists of the names of persons who do not pay taxes to the city. This assertion, I say, is amusing because every man with an ounce of brains in his head knows that the electoral lists of this city were never before in so rotten—no milder word will correctly describe it—a state as they are just now. It is a matter of public notoriety that these lists contain the names of many hundreds of people who never paid a dollar of taxes to this city, the \$2 being paid by a certain organization which uses their votes in municipal and provincial elections. In many cases even the names are fictitious, or appear to be, as detectives could find no trace of such persons at the address given on the printed lists when inquiries were made just before the late election. In one instance 94 names were on the lists, all registered from one address, which proved to be a saloon, and many other cases equally as bad were discovered. Instances could be given where batches of men were kept in a half-intoxicated condition on last election day until after dark, and then run in and voted under cover of darkness to avoid detection.

The last change in the municipal franchise act was made two years ago. Since that time the lists have been in the worst state they ever were, in the history of the city, and the city government has certainly not been an improvement in that of previous years, to speak euphemistically. If the Property Owners' Association is responsible for the last change then upon the members of this organization should be placed the blame for the present corrupt and rotten condition of things in connection with these lists. The change took the franchise from some of the mothers of our city who would have gone to the polls and given honest votes, conscientiously cast, and it left the franchise open to a hoard of disreputable scoundrels for whom certain political and other organizations choose to pay and, in fact, do pay, the \$2 road tax. That is the way our friends of the Property Owners' Association have purged the lists of irresponsible voters. They are a fine bunch of patriots, surely, and they should be canonized in a body.

A TAXPAYER.

SOME RAILWAY PROBLEMS.

To the Editor: The talk about 5-10 per cent. grades that takes place now-a-days amongst people who, from a scientific point of view, are grossly ignorant of what they talk of, is remarkable. Not many days ago one of your principal public men was talking about a 5-10 per cent. grade down the Fraser river from the summit, en route to Kamloops. Now the fact is that this idea is barred by a rockslide of huge proportions west of the point at which the direction changes from east to south near Tete Jaune Cache. It would be impossible to take out a cutting or to make an embankment upon that slide, and be sure that it would remain where built. During the month of June the sound of rock slides moving is like a part of artillery; one hears it at intervals of a few minutes all the day long, and one can see its tracks plainly where no artificial provocation has been given to produce motion.

It is easily understood that the mountain side from top to base is in places impracticable for safe construction, and the proper alternative is to hold the flat below wherever it exists, even if it be necessary to cross the river twice to do so, which limits the grade that can safely be got at that particular place to one and two-tenths of one per cent. instead of a five-tenths per cent. grade, and disposes of public delusion No. 1.

Another public delusion of infinitely more unblushing fallacy is the idea that a competing line will always conduce to lower rates and better conditions in the territory through which it passes. It may be that in British Columbia the masses seldom see Hampton's Magazine, published in New York. By looking through the numbers of 1909 it will be found that the prospects of Spokane, Wash., were utterly ruined by six "competing" railway lines, all of which entered into agreement together to charge the Spokane people for goods shipped direct say from New York to Spokane, the rates from New York to San Francisco and back to Spokane again, upon the plea that they had to oppose the Pacific Mail line from New York to San Francisco by sea, and this was the only way in which they could get even, and so they were starving the Spokane people to death. Mr. J. J. Hill, one of the last to enter the combine and who got terminal privileges, was going to benefit the Spokane people in the most beneficent way, joined the pool and left them just where they

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Something so far a departure as to bring fresh vitality into the function of negro minstrelsy is said to have been accomplished by George H. Primrose, whose triumphant entry into a new field of black-face comedy and pictorial effect ought to fill the Victoria theatre to-night.

Money, money, money is said to jingle over everything, when the expensive kind of voices employed and the costumes, scenery, huge and successful attempt in the matter of stage production, and the fine polish on everything from Prim's patent leathers to the touching portraits of great men and the silk of the melody in the new tenor's tones.

The feeble attempts in days gone by to lift minstrelsy out of the fin-de-siecle despondency it reached when the old-timers began to wane and disappear, was tolerably ludicrous, though well meant, and only now, after years of fumbling has one of the survivors, and he about the fittest, made a stunning base, for George Primrose and his great minstrel company are this year credited with about an exceptional and brilliant an entertainment as could possibly be gotten together with money and brains.

Everything from the rise of the curtain on the beautiful first part, until the grand finale in the closing act, is touted of great magnificence and of the costliest variety. Money has been spent in large bundles, it is said, on this year's production, and it is safe to assume local theatre-goers will be treated to a genuine surprise in both talent and production—in fact, the name

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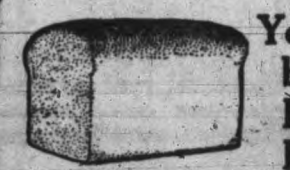
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Historical Craft 105 Years of Age Has Just Changed Hands.

The two-masted schooner Polly, the oldest craft in the United States and one of the oldest in the world in active commission, famous as a Massachusetts privateer in the war of 1812, has again changed owners. Just how many owners have preceded J. H. Weldon, of Dighton, Mass., who bought the Polly for about \$1,000 from Capt. Walter V. Spencer, of Rockland, during her nearly 105 years of existence, is uncertain. Her seventy-five years of commercial service have been passed under about a dozen owners. Mr. Weldon's intentions regarding the Polly's future are not known. Since Commander Peary and the Massachusetts Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, have been negotiating for her purchase because of the one-time privateer's historical associations, it is believed that Mr. Weldon's purchase may have been prompted by the same reason. For any purpose, the Polly is still seaworthy, and has often shown her heels to other coasters of more recent origin. Although the Polly has, necessarily, been overhauled and partly rebuilt several times, her frame still contains many of the timbers laid down in her original construction at Amesbury, Mass., in 1805.

Within a few years of her maiden voyage, under command of Capt. Jedutha Upton, and with her decks bristling with guns, the Polly, as a privateer, scoured the seas in pursuit of British commerce. During the war of 1812 the Polly captured no less than eleven prizes, several big British merchantmen and other smaller craft, only to be captured herself by the frigate Phoebe. She was afterwards recaptured by the Yankees. Until 1840, little more was heard of the Polly. Then she entered into service as a coaster. In 1849, and during succeeding years, the little sixty-foot craft rounded Cape Horn a number of times, and twice sailed around the world. Since that time she has plied the Main coast in humdrum service, occasionally venturing as far south as Boston. She has just completed a busy season carrying lumber from Bangor to other Maine ports, distributing slate from Vinal Haven or Rockland to the fishermen, carrying hay to Bar Harbor and doing other odd jobs.

Many are the stories told of the Polly, the forty-five-ton privateer that chased British vessels of twice her size and more, and from all accounts she must have been a terror. Her log is now preserved in the Portland custom house, and it's better than anything in the navy books. Her last fight was with an armed British merchantman, at a point half way between Mount Desert and the Duck Islands, in which she was victorious, and captured a rich prize. Only one other vessel, so far as known, approaches the Polly in age and length of active service—the schooner Good Intent, twenty-three tons, built in Braintree, Mass., in 1812, and now hailing from Bucksport. There was a barque called the True Love, built in Philadelphia about the year 1783, for many years engaged in whaling, and afterward sold for English account, but her name has long since disappeared from the lists and she is doubtless under water or broken up. These old craft were generally built of the toughest kind of white oak, and the quality of the timber put into the Polly can be judged from the fact that nearly all of her original frame still remains in her, while five strakes on her port bilge and part of her garboard on the starboard side remain to show the wearing qualities of the plank used in Amesbury in 1805. To-day the Polly is rigged as a fore-and-aft schooner, with no foremast and only three masts—sometimes only two—are required to navigate her. But when she was new there was no such thing as an out-and-out fore-and-aft. In those days all the smaller vessels carried what is now known as the topsail schooner rig—they had square topsails and often square topgallants. This rig is good for any weather, and many old

sailors think it a great mistake to have discarded it.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—J. Roger Timlin, a mining promoter of San Francisco, shot and killed himself, accidentally, it is believed, in a hotel room here. Guests of the hotel who heard the shot rushed to the room and found Timlin lying on the floor, dying. Beside him was a suit case, partly opened. In the suit case was a revolver. It is believed Timlin accidentally discharged the revolver when attempting to close the case. The bullet struck him in the abdomen and he died in a few minutes.

IN THE DAYS THAT ARE TO COME

Specially Written for the Victoria Daily Times by J. J. M. St. Louis College, City.

The somewhat acrimonious controversy which is now being carried on in the columns of the Times with reference to the exclusion or otherwise of Chinese immigrants from our province, raises a question which may possibly prove of great moment "in the days that are to come." From a newspaper of considerable influence in this country I quote the following: "What we should aim at is to give the utmost freedom to bona fide Chinese or Japanese officials, travellers or merchants, while securing ourselves against the incursions of the collic (sic) classes. The sooner we see that it is our duty, as well as to our interests, to treat the great countries of China and Japan in a respectful and friendly way, the better it will be for this country in the days that are to come."

My own opinions on the matter may be found in the following lines:
Lest the "Fatman" be imperilled,
Heed the warning of the Herald—
Let us greet the Monkey, let us fawn upon the Chow.
Be respectful to the bagman,
To the Monkey's precious bagman,
File your orders on his doorstep—hurry up and pile them now!
For we learn 'tis most essential
That we should be deferential
That our aspect should be lowly, bending down on supple knee;
"The duty to be humble—
Shall the white man dare to grumble
When the Chow exploits Victoria for his Yellow Industries?"

Let us play the fawning flunkey
To the Chow and to the Monkey.
Let us all be most obsequious, be submissive, meek and dumb,
Learn to genuflect and grovel,
Learn to fawn and smirk and shuffle.
Lest the Chow should be offended in the days that are to come!

Hear! O, foolish white Canadian,
Lift your hat to the alien,
Fawningly the Yellow drummer—buy his cottons, tweeds and twills,
'Tis the Cobden creed of beauty—
You must know it is your duty
To depend upon the Monkey and the prodigy of his mills.
Vain the dreams of nation raising,
For the Herald, Chow-ward gazing,
Sees our Master frowning darkly in a flabbergasting way.
So our industries must perish—
'Tis the Ape that we must cherish,
Let us load his manufactures in our deferential dray!

Keeping out the Yellow Coolie
Who will toil in China's dust,
Who will dwell in rags and squalor in the distant Yellow slum;
Let us buy the Monkey's shoddy—
Let us serve him soul and body,
Lest as spinners bred should suffer in the days that are to come!

Be not careless nor disdainful—
"Ware the consequences painful,
For the White shall be a helot, so the Fawning Herald says.
Yea, the White Man, falling prone,
Shall retain existence only
If the Chow be pleased to spare him in those sanguinary days.
Hence, instead of getting ready,
Drilling fighters true and steady—
Hence in place of building Dreadnoughts,
We should practice how to fawn.
We should study careful bowing,
Practice crawling and kow-towing,
Ere the Chow arrives to boss us when the Days of Terror dawn!
See the mark to aim at therefore—
Do not question why question why therefore,
Ye must serve the Chow and fear him,
Lest he sound his battle-drum,
Lest ye suffer fell disaster,
Be respectful to your Master,
For the Chow shall rule this Island in the days that are to come!

Sons unworthy of your fathers,
Lest the storm darkly gather,
Ye must proffer salutations to the brown, official Ape.
Open wide this Island's doorway,
Give his ships and cargo shoreway,
Plant a sign of invitation on each headland, bluff and cape!
Let the kinsman pass in scornful,
Let this country, dumbly mourning,
Fall beneath the long dominion of the Monkey and the Chow.
Here the White Man lies "forgotten,"
For his breed was misbegotten,
And he lacked the strength to labor with the axe and forge and plough!
For his daily papers told him
How to genuflect and fold him—
How to bow unto the alien like a human pendulum.
When his sword he should have buckled,
So he fawned and cringed and truckled—
Thus his epitaph they'll fashion in the days that are to come!

CONVERT BECAME INSANE.
Lost Reason After Being Baptized in River—Man Threatens to Shoot Preacher.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Charles Walker, of Kingston, Jamaica, has established a new religious sect among negroes here, and baptized two converts in the icy waters of the Hudson. The converts were attired in loose robes and stood on the wharf, shivering, for half an hour after the baptism. A short time ago "Elder" Walker baptized in the Hudson Mrs. Pleasant Greene, who became violently insane. Preacher Walker's belief is that all baptisms should be performed in natural streams, irrespective of the temperature. "It is often necessary," he says, "to cut a hole in the ice." Pleasant Greene, whose wife was taken to the asylum following her baptism in the river, threatened to shoot the elder if he preached his religion to Mrs. Greene again.

DISMEMBERED BODY FOUND IN LAKE

Seattle Police Believe Woman Was Run Over by Car.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Dorothy Woodhead, 23 years old, the wife of J. E. R. Woodhead, an Englishman, now returning to his native land, is dead in the city, the victim of murder, accident or possibly self-destruction. Her body, minus the left leg and left arm, was taken from Lake Union at a point several hundred yards out along the trestle street railway tracks of the Seattle Electric Company. Lying on the cross ties of the trestle track some 500 yards out from the Western mill, several hours before the discovery of the body, the motorman of a Fremont-Ballard car, out-bound, found the woman's big blue coat, scuffed shawl hat, her gold watch and her leather purse, which the dismembered left hand still gripped. The hat had recently been deliberately removed from the head and carefully placed on the end of a tie and near it, on the same stick of timber, a gold watch which had been presented to her by her husband. In the purse which the dismembered hand still clutched were several pieces of silver and numerous personal letters and cards.

The theory of the police is that the woman, who is reported to have been drinking, lost her way while trying to get home, wandered out on the trestle and in her intoxicated condition either laid down and went to sleep or threw her body across the track that she might be run over and killed. On the other hand, the street car people profess to believe that the woman was murdered and her body placed across the rails so as to convey the impression that she had been run down and killed by a street car. And in the face of these theories not a crew can be found among any of the many on north end cars willing to admit that their particular car ran over the woman, dead or alive.

Woodhead, in a letter written to his wife from Minneapolis, tells her that he is returning to England and hopes never to see or hear from her again. He spoke of the watch, which was presented to him by his mother, and bids the wife keep the timepiece so that it may serve as a reminder to her of a good woman, referring to his mother.

THEATRICAL MANAGER KILLED.

Three Women Members of Company Injured During Fight.

Maben, Miss., Dec. 21.—Manager Evans, of a theatrical company travelling out of Memphis, was killed and five others injured in a free-for-all fight. The manager, who, it is said, had been drinking, struck Rock Johnson over the head with a pistol and shot Harry Johnson, Rock's brother. The latter wrenched the weapon from Evans and shot him through the forehead. Three of the injured are women attached to the show.

SQUIRRELS SPREAD PLAGUE.

United States Secretary of Agriculture Urges That Animals Be Destroyed in California.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The possible spread of bubonic plague through squirrels to such an extent as to become a real menace to sections where no cases have so far appeared has been called to the attention of the house committee on agriculture by Secretary Wilson. The public health service has asked the biological bureau of the department of agriculture to devise some

Cocoa Fact No. 4

The Indians of the tropics were the first known beings to use cocoa. They were physically strong and healthy. Choco, an Indian word meaning drink, is what they called it; hence the same Chocolate.

means for destroying the squirrels, through which, according to Chief Marriam of that bureau, the infection has spread in isolated cases over 600 square miles in California. The bureau has been asked to make a survey of the region infested with the ground squirrels to find the extent of plague manifestations. Secretary Wilson has told the committee that he regarded it as important to stamp out the bubonic plague as to campaign against the foot and mouth disease, another fight the department has on hand, but he has made no recommendation for an appropriation to that end, owing to the close pruning of expenditures all along the line.

AN EXCELLENT WEEKLY.

The Canadian Courier has entered upon its fourth year of publication and continues to make wonderful progress. For many years Canada has without a national illustrated weekly, and when the Canadian Courier was started there was not many who believed that the country was big enough to support such an expensive publication. It was recognized, however, that Mr. John A. Cooper, who had been editor of the Canadian Magazine for more than ten years, was not likely to embark on such an enterprise without due consideration. That he has been able to duplicate his success and to produce a periodical which finds a ready sale from coast to coast is a matter for congratulation. National periodicals are an important feature in the growth of national literature and the development of national unity, and it is pleasant to know that Canada now possesses several of these. We heartily wish The Canadian Courier long life and continued influence and success.

AMBASSADOR REID.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Two rumors, one that Ambassador Reid will retain his post and the other that he will remain in London until ex-President Roosevelt returns to England next summer, gained wide circulation here to-day. King Edward is said to have requested the retention of Ambassador Reid until the proposed re-appointment of the ex-president is carried out.

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By Order of the Board,
W. T. ALEXANDER, General Manager.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19th, 1909.

For the convenience of Victoria stockholders the above dividend will be payable at the company's branch office, 1294 Government street, on and after Jan. 6th, 1910.

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6-ROOMED HOUSE on corner lot, one block from junction of Fort and Yates; excellent site to erect corner store; adjoining house, growing neighborhood. Price only \$3,000.

100 ACRES, section 25, Sooke road, about 10 acres cultivated, orchard about one acre; 2 storied house 15x24, and kitchen, barn and chicken house; stream of water. Price \$2,800.

5½ ACRES, Hamshire road, all in garden and fruit; handsome bungalow with stone foundation, stable and shed. Price \$6,000.

THE COAST LOCATORS

ROOM 20, 615 YATES ST. PHONE 103.

NEW BUNGALOW, handsomely finished, Pembroke street, No. 1164, is genuine bargain at \$3,700; \$400 cash, balance \$25 per month; lot 6x120, fenced; will rent at \$25 per month, if not sold by Jan. 1st.

NEW BUNGALOW, 6 rooms, Hillside Ave., lot 2x125, fenced, a snap at \$2,800; \$250 cash, balance \$25 per month.

6 ROOMED HOUSE, cor. Cameron and Pembroke, No. 1153, price \$2,200; \$250 cash, balance \$25 per month.

7 ACRES, subdivided into 154 lots, Burnside road; the cheapest subdivision on the market to-day; price \$1,200 per acre, terms.

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\$1,000—6 ROOM NEW BUNGALOW, Esquimalt road, corner lot 60 ft. x 126 ft., basement and modern throughout; \$300 cash, balance to arrange.

\$250—6 CASH and balance easy, for a good lot on David street, near 2 car lines.

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25 ACRES fronting on Elk Lake; large new house, barn and stables; an ideal spot; land partly cleared; also if required an additional 25 acres; \$5,000.

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Here's a chance for a good property on Douglas street, 6-room house with good basement; has electric light, bath and every convenience. Large lot, 127x200, good orchard. This property is right on car line and will easily rent. See us for further particulars.

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NEW 6-ROOMED HOUSE, cement foundation, furnace and all modern improvements. Two minutes from Douglas street car, Burnside road and Dunedin street.

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50 ACRES—Sooke District, just inside Sooke Harbor.

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15 ACRES—20 cleared, 200 fruit bearing trees, 200 chickens, team horses, mower, rake, ploughs, harrows and other necessary farm implements; house, with furniture, barn 25x50 shed attached, 3 chicken houses, good water. This property must be sold, and in order to find a purchaser the price has been made to force a quick sale, namely, \$3,500. This is a snap for anyone looking for a first-class poultry farm.

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5 ACRES—Close to the city, good orchard, all cleared, black loam, good house, horse and buggy, \$2,500.

7 ACRES—3 miles from the city, good soil, \$2,400.

BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW, strictly modern, just outside the city, close to car line, about one acre, excellent soil, will make an ideal home, \$3,200.

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CLOVERDALE AVE., 6-roomed new bungalow with bath and every latest convenience, large attic (unfurnished), cement foundation, large basement, half an acre garden, terms if required, \$3,500.

FIFTY ACRES, all good level land near Saanichton, \$80 per acre. Offers wanted for two of the best pieces of central city properties.

manufacturers' convention next year will have the opportunity of making their first trip to the Pacific coast and naturally will do everything to take advantage of it.

Don't miss the inaugural ball, given at Waxstock's hall, Broad street, Christmas eve, December 24th. Tickets, \$1.50 a couple, including supper, good music and a splendid enjoyable evening insured. Tickets can be secured at Waxstock's hall, Broad street, or Elite, 1218 Douglas. Undesirable characters not admitted.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—Over 500 delegates from all parts of Canada will attend the 1910 convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association which will be held in Vancouver next September. Information to this effect was gathered by John Hendry, president of the association, who returned to Vancouver this morning after an absence of several weeks in Eastern Canada. Much of his time was spent on business connected with the manufacturers' Association.

The executive officers of the association declare they are looking for one of the largest gatherings in the history of the organization in Vancouver next year. The west has the call for attendance when it comes to conventions, every delegate being desirous of making the trip for the purpose of witnessing the marvellous development of the country. Many of those who will be delegates to the

KAMLOOPS SHOWING GREAT ENTERPRISE
Lighting Plant Will Be One of Best in Interior—Efficient Staff.

Kamloops, Dec. 20.—The addition of the city of Kamloops is making to its lighting plant will give this city the largest and most complete lighting system in the interior of British Columbia with one exception, that of Nelson, B. C.

The city authorities realizing that the growth of Kamloops will be very rapid during the coming year are preparing for this increase in population and building an extension of the city limits, and have spared neither money nor time in making the equipment of the plant the best obtainable, and one that the citizens of Kamloops may well be proud of.

The change in the lighting system is from 1100 volts single phase 125 cycle to 2300 volts 60 cycle, 3 phase.

The waterworks plant, which is in the same building, is also up to date in every particular. This plant consists of a high tury cross compound pumping engine with a capacity of 1,000 imperial gallons per minute, against a pressure of 160 pounds, also one compound duplex steam pump of a 900 gallons per minute capacity.

The two plants are well housed in a substantial building with a concrete floor, the arrangement of the machinery being such as to economize on floor, the floor space and all the heavier machinery is set on solid concrete blocks of a depth of 15 feet.

MISSING MEN TURN UP AT BIRGE CREEK

Young Howe and His Companion Arrive in Safety.

Kamloops, Dec. 20.—Vernon Howe, ex-Yale athlete of Minneapolis, and his companion, Jack Cunningham, who left Kamloops three months ago to inspect some timber limits in the Clearwater district and regarding whose fate a good deal of anxiety was felt by their friends, have turned up safe and sound at the 100-Mile House, Cariboo road, none the worse for their arduous trip through, to them, a terra incognita.

Some days ago Mr. Howe, father of the two men had spent a week with a trapper on Hemlock creek, a stream recently went up to Bridge creek to institute inquiries, stating that the two missing men had turned up at that point. Patterson, the cruiser, who set out from here some days since with W. Wood of this city, and a search party, has gone to give Wood the news and the whole party will soon be back here. The second message was from young Howe himself, who wires his father, "Jack and I are all right. At 100 to-night."

The route taken by the two men in making their long three months' trip was, after leaving Kamloops, up the North Thompson and up the trail made during the Kamlike excitement from Little Fort to the 100-Mile House, to Horse lake. Here the men to act as guides and packers were secured but they did not prove satisfactory or willing workers and were promptly discharged by Vernon Howe, and he and Cunningham determined to make the trip without guides.

Crossing Horse lake to Canim lake they followed the valley to Mahood lake and down Mahood river to the Clearwater, and followed the west bank of that river and the Clearwater creek at the northern extremity, thence descending the lakes and river on the east side, again taking to the Mahood and Canim lake valley and on to the 100-Mile House, where they arrived this afternoon.

Although never on a trip of this nature before, young Howe's athletic career well fitted him to undertake it. He is well known in athletic circles in the United States as a former captain of the Yale track team.

Mr. Howe is naturally much elated over the safe return of his son and the relief from the load of anxiety he has borne for the past few weeks.

FIVE HUNDRED TO ATTEND CONVENTION
Vancouver to Welcome the Manufacturers' Gathering.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—Over 500 delegates from all parts of Canada will attend the 1910 convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association which will be held in Vancouver next September. Information to this effect was gathered by John Hendry, president of the association, who returned to Vancouver this morning after an absence of several weeks in Eastern Canada. Much of his time was spent on business connected with the manufacturers' Association.

The executive officers of the association declare they are looking for one of the largest gatherings in the history of the organization in Vancouver next year. The west has the call for attendance when it comes to conventions, every delegate being desirous of making the trip for the purpose of witnessing the marvellous development of the country. Many of those who will be delegates to the

GREAT CARIBOO DAM IS BEING RUSHED ON
Large Force of Men on the Work on Swift River.

Ashcroft, Dec. 20.—Rapid progress is being made at construction of the Quesnel Hydraulic Cold Mining Company's dam at Swift river, which was planned by G. W. Dubois, the well-known mining engineer of Philadelphia.

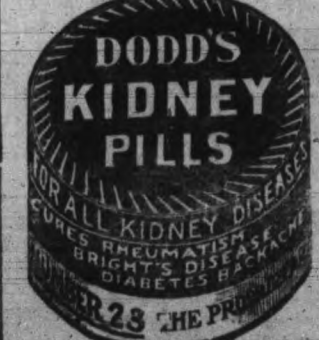
H. Ferguson, of Burr & Ferguson, Vancouver, who is chief engineer on the work, states that whilst but 300 men are at present employed on the work this force will be increased to 900 men early next spring.

It will take two years to finish the work. The Swift river dam will be 600 feet long and 45 feet in height, and will deliver 45,000 miner's inches of water on the company's leasings which are situated on the Quesnel river, twenty-six miles distant from the dam.

The water will be conveyed by ditch, with some tunnel work, and at one point a two-mile section of wood stave piping will be put in.

The distance from Quesnel to the Swift river work is about forty miles. If a road were to be built up the Quesnel river from this point it would serve both the interests of the town and of the contractors and others working at the mine.

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 pany, embracing the line from New
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 that good progress is being made all
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DOMINION AND THE PROVINCES

IMPORTANT ISSUES LIKELY TO BE RAISED

Meeting of Premiers Whitney and Gouin May Be Signi- ficant.

The Montreal Herald's Ottawa cor-
 respondent sends that paper the follow-
 ing dispatch:

The news from Toronto about the
 preparations being made to give Sir
 Lomer Gouin the time of his life when
 he goes there as the guest of Sir James
 Whitney, is taken at Ottawa as indi-
 cating that a political situation of con-
 siderable interest will develop at about
 the same time. There are a number
 of issues outstanding in which the re-
 spective jurisdiction of the provinces
 and the Dominion remain to be deter-
 mined, and it is shrewdly suspected that
 the visit of Sir Lomer to Sir James
 will be made, if not the means of
 bringing about an agreement between
 the provincial premiers, looking to
 future action, at least the occasion of
 opening the whole question with a view
 to its ultimate settlement.

That there is a difficulty in inter-
 preting the British North America Act
 in respect of several matters of busi-
 ness interest is already admitted. And
 there are two ways suggested of get-
 ting over the difficulty. One is to have
 another conference between the pro-
 vinces themselves, and then between
 the provinces and the Dominion, with
 the object of starting out fresh with
 the questions definitely settled by
 agreement, as happened in the matter
 of the re-arrangement of Dominion
 subsidies to the provinces. The other
 is to make a definite reference of all
 the root questions in dispute to the
 Supreme Court and so to the Privy
 Council, all parties to be guided there-
 after by the interpretation put upon
 the existing constitution by the Privy
 Council.

The Insurance Decision.
 The decision by Judge Leet in the in-
 surance case is one event which makes
 for the rapid development of a contro-
 versy that has long been preparing.
 Parliament is even now framing a new
 law for the governance of insurance
 companies, when this judgment comes
 as a preliminary challenge to its right
 to legislate at all. The interests af-
 fected are too vast and too important
 to be left subject to so destructive an
 uncertainty.

There is a situation existing as the
 result of another insurance case which
 may serve to still better expose the
 existing difficulty. In a suit between
 the Canadian Pacific Railway Company
 and the Ottawa Insurance Company,
 the judges of the Supreme Court, after
 calling in the Dominion and the pro-
 vinces to state their respective views,
 took diametrically opposite attitudes as
 to what are the powers of the provinces
 regarding the incorporation of com-
 panies, and therefore in securing the
 validity of contracts made by such
 companies. The court was asked to de-
 termine whether a provincially incor-
 porated insurance company could carry
 on business outside the province,
 whether it could make contracts out-
 side the province, or make contracts
 inside to insure property outside; whe-
 ther one province could prohibit or re-
 strict the operation of a company in-
 corporated in another province; whe-
 ther the Dominion has power to ex-
 tend the functions of such a company
 to provinces other than that in
 which it was incorporated. The mere
 statement of the questions, as applied
 to an insurance company, reveals at
 once the magnitude of the interests at
 stake, and which are at risk so long as
 the doubt exists.

Sir C. Fitzpatrick's Opinion.
 Sir Charles Fitzpatrick said it ap-
 peared to him "impossible to main-
 tain that a provincial legislature, if it
 can deal with the incorporation of in-
 surance companies at all, can create a
 company with powers co-extensive
 with those conferred by the Domini-
 on. The Dominion government and the
 provincial legislature cannot both
 occupy the same legislative field at the
 same time." In support of his view,
 Sir Charles quoted opinions of Hon.
 Edward Blake and Sir Oliver Mowat,
 when each was minister of justice, Sir
 Louis Davies agreed with the Chief
 Justice.

Judge Maclellan, on the contrary,
 held that "there is nothing in the Bri-
 tish North America Act which would
 prevent an individual or partnership
 in any province from making insur-
 ance contracts with the same freedom
 and scope as before, and it would be a
 strange thing if it were enacted that a
 company incorporated by a province
 should be restricted to property within
 the province while individuals and
 partnerships were left free." The
 majority of the court concurred in this
 opinion. But the divergence of view
 is so radical that both Dominion and

provincial authorities are of opinion
 that it is dangerous to allow the un-
 certainty to continue.

Power Company Case.

A second case in which vast inter-
 ests may be prejudiced is that of a
 company organized to produce electrici-
 ty from water power at Fort Fran-
 ces, on the Rainy river, Ontario. The
 company is international in purposes,
 with equal references to the province
 of Ontario and the State of Minnesota.
 After getting incorporation from On-
 tario, the company came to Ottawa, in
 1905, and got an act confirming its
 powers, with the proviso, however,
 that the consent of the governor-in-
 council should be obtained before
 making use of the water of the river,
 which is a boundary stream. The very
 next year it obtained from the Ontario
 legislature an act in which the legis-
 lature expressly concurred the opin-
 ion that the application to the Do-
 minion parliament and the assent of
 the governor-in-council was wrong and
 unnecessary. Here the legislature and
 the Dominion are expressly committed to
 opposite positions, and the work
 nevertheless goes on.

Another Quebec Case.

Of the contrary nature is a case upon
 which the Privy Council has passed
 judgment. At Diaseil, Quebec, there
 was to be a company for the produc-
 tion of light and power, operating un-
 der a charter from the Quebec legis-
 lature. Judge Branchet had held that
 as the province of Quebec did not
 possess coal mines, the water powers
 were of great importance and formed
 an integral part of the immovable
 property of the province, and conse-
 quently fell under the exclusive con-
 trol of the legislature of the province,
 which, in granting charters for the
 exploitation of these water powers,
 had the indisputable right to prescribe
 conditions which would favor their
 rapid development. Nevertheless, the
 Privy Council held, with Sir Henri
 Taschereau, that another company
 which under a prior Dominion act
 was empowered to supply, sell and
 dispose of gas and electricity, with
 other powers, could not be restrained
 from operating thereunder at the
 suit of the applicants, who under later
 Quebec statutes had exclusive power
 of so operating in the locality chosen
 by the respondents. The conflict be-
 tween Dominion and provincial au-
 thorities could not well be reduced to
 more concrete terms. And there is
 no apparent limit to the number or
 variety of subjects about which such
 clashes may come.

Manitoba Grain Growers.

Still another interesting case is that
 of the charter given by the Manitoba
 legislature to a Grain Growers' Asso-
 ciation, under which the association is
 authorized to do what it is claimed
 by the bankers is a strictly banking
 business under cover of warehouse re-
 cepts. Everybody has supposed that
 banking in all its phases came under
 the Dominion powers, but Manitoba
 statesmen appear to be disposed to
 fight for what they have done.

Over all the controversy there hangs
 the shadow of the trusts, such as exist
 in the United States, and such as
 judge by recent numerous and im-
 portant amalgamations, are presently
 to exist in Canada. Will the Dominion
 be able to effectively control insti-
 tutions of this sort, with whose in-
 corporation it may have nothing to do?
 In the United States the State of New
 Jersey makes easy what congress is
 trying its best to make difficult. Will
 it be so in Canada, too?

These questions, and a host of others
 more or less allied to them, are giving
 the law-makers a great deal of con-
 cern. It was Sir Lomer Gouin who
 obtained a solution of the subsidy dif-
 ficulty, and it rather looks as though
 Sir James Whitney and others look to
 him as the best man to lead the way
 to a solution of this one. But will
 it be done by calling a congress with
 the express purpose of settling up all
 doubts about what are "provincial ob-
 jects," as defined by the British North
 America Act, and having a new agree-
 ment ratified by the Imperial parlia-
 ment, a course some of the provincial
 governments are believed to favor, or
 will there be preponderance of favor
 for the alternative plan of leaving the
 Act of Confederation alone, submit-
 ting certain pertinent questions to the
 Supreme Court, and so to the Privy
 Council, and allowing all parties to be
 bound in future by the decisions,
 whatever they may be? If it is to be
 that, the question is still charged with
 great import and far-reaching conse-
 quences. If it is the other, there is
 some of the widest diversity of dis-
 agreement about what the terms of a
 new agreement might be.

Whatever the outcome we shall prob-
 ably be safe in dating the beginning
 of a new and difficult political situa-
 tion from Sir Lomer's visit to Sir Jas.
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ADMIRAL TOGO HAS RETIRED

GREAT SEAMAN WHO BEAT RUSSIA IS OUT

His Naval Education Was
 Largely Gained in
 England.

The retirement of Admiral Togo
 from the command of the Japanese
 navy occurred contemporaneously with
 that of Baron Theodor (Sir John
 Fisher) from the post of First Sea
 Lord of the British Admiralty, is an
 event of considerable interest in naval
 annals. The Japanese commander,
 in the war with Russia, established
 himself in the front rank of the world's
 great fighters at sea, and there is very
 little doubt that a great deal of his
 knowledge was obtained from early fa-
 miliarity with the great fighting force
 which the retiring British commander
 played such an important part in
 building up.

Togo's well-known determination, not
 to say obstinacy, at one time gave
 rise to fears that he might, sooner or
 later, be tempted to violate the canons
 of international law; but, as a matter
 of fact, few naval commanders are bet-
 ter grounded than this branch of learn-
 ing from the hero of Port Arthur.

The admiral is best known among
 foreigners as the man who fired upon
 the Kowshing at the beginning of the
 Japan-China war. A Japanese inform-
 ant says that before he resorted to this
 drastic measure, Togo "pondered for
 some time with folded hands."

It is reported that in talking over
 the matter with a friend, he declared
 that had his action been shown to be
 wrong, or had it involved his country
 in any serious difficulty, he would most
 certainly have committed suicide.

At the close of the war with China
 a lieutenant was appointed to write
 the official history. Togo took care to
 warn this officer against partial judg-
 ments arising from undue deference to
 his official superiors. "Before you
 must for ever keep, before you,"
 said the admiral, "is that of transmit-
 ting a true account of the events of
 the war to future generations."

A few years ago a grand review of
 the Japanese fleet was held at Kobe
 in the presence of the Emperor. As the
 cruiser Naniwa, Togo's old ship, passed
 in front of the flagship, a naval attache
 of the Russian legation paid the ad-
 miral a great compliment. Togo, how-
 ever, paid not the slightest attention to
 his remark, but concentrated his gaze
 upon the movements of the fleet, and
 at the close of his examination ob-
 served to Staff Officer Takarabe: "All
 right. If our discipline continues as
 good as this we need never fear de-
 feat."

Togo shares with Louis XIV. the
 ability of choosing his subordinates
 with rare skill; but, unlike the grand
 monarch, he is quite willing that some
 portion of the credit for success
 achieved should be shared by those un-
 der him, and it is notorious that every
 report so far issued on the engagements
 before Port Arthur makes special men-
 tion of the part played by officers and
 men in effecting their happy result,
 and that throughout he makes scarcely
 any reference to himself.

It is stated on very good authority
 that before embarking for the front to
 take part in the fight with Russia,
 the admiral confessed to a kinsman
 that he was prepared to lose half his
 squadron and the same proportion of
 men in the attempt to crush the na-
 tion's formidable adversary. "The
 great hero, Nelson," he is reported to
 have said, "died in a moment of vic-
 tory. I, too, am quite prepared to
 sacrifice my life for the defeat of Rus-
 sia, but as to our ability to win in the
 long run I entertain no doubts what-
 ever."

Admiral Togo, who wears the British
 decoration of the Order of Merit, was
 born in 1847 and married a daughter
 of Viscount Katsura. His naval educa-
 tion was accomplished chiefly in Eng-
 land and he joined the navy of Dai-
 niyu in 1863 and was ap-
 pointed to the command of the Kasuga
 of the Imperial fleet in 1880. He was on
 board that ship when she defeated the
 rebel ship Kaiten. From 1871 to 1878
 he spent in England, studying British
 methods of building war vessels, and
 returned to Japan on the Hiyel, one of
 the first war vessels built in England
 to the order of the Japanese govern-
 ment.

He it was who precipitated the
 China-Japanese war by sinking the
 Chinese transport Kowshing, although
 that vessel flew the British flag, and
 negotiations between China and Japan
 were still proceeding. He was at that
 time in command of the cruiser
 Naniwa and retained command until
 the end of the war.

He was promoted a rear-admiral in
 1896 and became vice-admiral in 1900.
 Four years later he rose to the su-
 preme command of the combined Jap-
 anese fleet, a position which he filled
 with great ability and from which he
 now retires full of honors.

He had charge of the Japanese fleet
 when the Russian fleet was bottled up
 at Port Arthur and he defeated the
 Russians at every turn of the game in
 that memorable conflict. He finally
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